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Teachers end strike, threaten further acts

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Teachers throughout the country will return to regular work this morning after staging a warning strike yesterday in most of the country's elementary and junior high schools. The teachers warn, however, that unless something is done soon about the computer mix-ups due to which they have either not been receiving their full pay or only receiving it after great delay, they will take much tougher protest measures.

Yesterday's strike involved nearly 30,000 teachers and some 500,000 delighted youngsters, who were sent home at 10 a.m. after only two morning classes. Although the same pay problems which plague the school teachers also affect kindergarten teachers, the Histadrut Teachers Union instructed the latter not to strike so as not to send tots out into the street at a time when many mothers are working. Also exempt from the strike action were schools in the northern border areas.

Not all junior high school teachers are members of the Histadrut union, which sponsored the strike. Many belong to the rival secondary school teachers association, which instructed its members to take part in the protest strike as well. Pupils in the Agudat Yisrael schools had to stay in class as their teachers refused to join the strike action.

The computer problems have not been affecting senior high school teachers as they receive their pay either from the municipalities or private school administrations.

In those schools, mainly in the slum areas, in which the pupils are served a hot lunch, the children had to forgo this meal yesterday and eat at home.

The strike was condemned by the Ministry of Education, which branded it as superfluous, although admitting the teachers' grievances are justified. It was also condemned by the Union of Local Authorities, whose chairman, Holon Mayor Pinhas Eylon, could not see what all the fuss was about. "They might not be paid on time, but sooner or later the teachers do get all that is due them," he said.

The nationwide parents association also came out against the strike, although its spokesmen admitted the teachers had cause for anger. The spokesmen suggested that the teachers convene with the parents' representatives to decide on what action to take. On no account, the parents argue, must teachers resort to strike actions.

Education Minister Aharon Yadlin yesterday sent a cable to the head of the Histadrut union, Shalom Levin, MK, expressing his regret at the teachers' decision to strike. He said that "no one challenges the teachers' right to receive their full salaries on time," but noted that everything possible was being done to sort out the mix-up and that the teachers had received considerable advances on their salaries.

HEY, SCHOOL'S OUT! This was the jubilant scene in a Tel Aviv school yesterday when the 10 a.m. bell rang and the pupils were free to go home because of the strike by teachers. (IPPA)

RABIN IN GOLAN:

Not building settlements to quit them

By YORAM HAMIZRAHI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

MEROM HAGOLAN. — Premier Yitzhak Rabin said here yesterday that Israel did not build settlements in the Golan Heights in order to evacuate them or to create a situation in which these settlements would not be a part of the Jewish State.

He was speaking at the end of a one-day tour of the Golan Heights. He visited settlements including Bnei Yehuda, and Moshav Ramat Magshimim, where he called at the local yeshiva.

Both in the southern and northern areas of the Heights, Mr. Rabin met with the secretaries of kibbutzim and moshavim and discussed the problems and future of the region. Most of the secretaries expressed uncertainty concerning the future of the Golan. They demanded the formation of more settlements, especially in the central Golan, a clear government policy regarding the region and the enforcement of Israeli law in the territories.

Mr. Rabin said he was impressed by the rapid development of the settlements. He said the income from the agricultural and industrial products of the Golan Heights is over IL80m. a year.

On the question of enforcing Israeli law there, Mr. Rabin said that this was only a formal problem, which had nothing to do with the development of the Golan. He also noted that there had been no suggestion in the government to enforce Israeli law in the Golan, Judea and Samaria and Sinai.

Referring to Syria, the Prime Minister said that the Syrians were getting stronger from day to day and the answer to this was to strengthen the army.

"We are occupying the Golan Heights with a feeling of security which arises from military strength and from the stubbornness of the settlers to remain in the Golan and face the difficult conditions," he said. He expressed the hope that "the quiet brought by the disengagement of forces agreement would continue.

Prime Minister Rabin in the Golan Heights yesterday. In background is Kuneitra. (Rubinger)

Sadat won't sign written promise

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Egyptian President Anwar Sadat has said in his first interview since meeting last week with Secretary of State Henry Kissinger that he rejects Prime Minister Rabin's demand for a written non-belligerency pledge within the framework of another interim agreement.

But he promised once again that Egypt would not attack Israel while the search for peace continues and he proposed a new arrangement — through Kissinger's offices — to guarantee peace while the talks proceed.

In a interview with "Washington Post" editorial page editor Philip L. Geyelin, Sadat said: "Israel must not ask *me* for a written document like this when they are occupying my land. Because it will mean that I am inviting them to stay occupying my land. But *if* a third party can come in between to guarantee both of us during the process of negotiations, very well."

When Sadat was asked whether that third party was Kissinger, he replied: "Maybe. Why not?" And he added that the Secretary was the most qualified because "he has my confidence and he should have the confidence of the Israelis also because everything in Israel comes from the United States."

At the same time, the "Washington Post" reported yesterday that the Soviet Union has made secret arms deliveries to Egypt in recent weeks, part of an order for weapons placed for Egypt when Algerian President Houari Boumedienne was in Moscow during the Yom Kippur War. A senior Egyptian official told the newspaper that the Soviet deliveries are not considered by Sadat as replacements for the military equipment lost during that war.

In the interview, Sadat said that during his recent talks with Soviet Foreign Minister Gromyko, "we agreed on certain items, but the normal (shipments), the replacement, I did not receive up until this moment."

On other issues Sadat made these points:

- The Suez Canal is "prepared" for navigation "thanks to the help of the American Navy." He said that it would be opened in "the near future," and once Israel and Egypt sign a non-belligerency pact at Geneva — after Israel withdraws from all the occupied territories — Israel shipping would probably be allowed to cross the waterway. "So the Israeli flag cannot pass as long as there is a state of belligerency between us and Israel," he added. "This is why I am saying, let us not lose any time and try to end this state of belligerency because everything can be reshaped after that."
- Either all of Jerusalem be internationalized or the Arab sector be returned to Arab sovereignty. Just internationalizing the Arab sector would not be enough, He said that East Jerusalem "was part of Jordan, but now it is the PLO."
- He will be discussing his forthcoming visit to the U.S. when Kissinger returns to Cairo next month. No date has yet been determined.

Israel will insist on direct pledge

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Israel will insist on a direct, signed, binding undertaking from Egypt to end the state of belligerency in return for a major withdrawal embracing the Mitla and Gidi Passes and the Abu Rodeis oilfield in Sinai. Government officials in Jerusalem reiterated this position yesterday in reaction to President Sadat's interview with the "Washington Post," in which he held out the prospect of Egyptian undertakings to "third-parties," for instance to the U.S.

The Israeli officials said that such indirect undertakings would be useful *in addition* to direct undertakings, as giving added weight and stability to an accord.

Senior American officials on the Kissinger aircraft, meanwhile, are reported to have advised newsmen accompanying the Secretary "not to take too seriously in coming weeks the public statements and news briefings from either the Egyptians or the Israelis."

Bernard Gwertzman of the "New York Times" wrote that this was the U.S. officials' reaction on the plane from Tel Aviv to Akaba on Friday afternoon when the accompanying newsmen told of a briefing they had had that day with "senior Israeli officials."

Gwertzman wrote that the Israeli officials had been less optimistic than Dr. Kissinger, and had asserted "that Mr. Kissinger did not bring to the Israeli leaders ... very much more about the Israeli position than was known before ..."

"The newsmen were told," Gwertzman reported, "that in advance of next month's 'shuttle diplomacy' both the Egyptians and Israelis were sure to take very tough positions in public to gain whatever negotiating advantage they could."

KISSINGER AND GROMYKO

Talks only ask 'early date' for Geneva meet

LONDON (UPI). — Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko differed in thier talks yesterday over the best way to achieve peace in the Middle East, but their talks were congenial and a tense confrontation was avoided.

The communique issued at the end of their five-hour talks showed a slight relaxation in Russia's insistence on a immediate return to the Geneva peace conference. It said the sessions should resume "at an early date."

A senior U.S. official said the talks were slightly more formal than usual, but on the whole "jovial."

Kissinger flew here last night for a dinner with Prime Minister Harold Wilson, who was arriving from Moscow himself shortly after Kissinger's Air Force jet landed.

Standing side by side in the lobby of the Geneva Intercontinental Hotel after their final meeting, both Kissinger and Gromyko agreed the talks were "fruitful." Gromyko added there were some points on which they did not agree. The major point was the Middle East.

But the senior American official said Kissinger believed there was less chance than before that the Soviets would carry out a determined campaign to block the interim agreement between Egypt and Israel that Kissinger is trying to arrange.

The communique covered most of the points of the talks — held at the end of Kissinger's exploratory mission to the Middle East — but it contained no new positions.

On the Middle East, it said both countries believe that the Geneva peace conference "should resume its work at an early date." When President Ford and Brezhnev met in Vladivostok last year, the phrase was "as early as possible."

Gromyko preceded Kissinger around the Middle East urging an immediate resumption that would put the Soviets back into the negotiations.

The senior American official said the U.S. still believes the conference will result in stalemate. But the taste will be less bitter and the atmosphere better if Kissinger can first succeed in bringing Egypt and Israel to an agreement on a further Israeli withdrawal east of the Suez Canal.

The communique made these other points:

- Both countries "emphasized their determination to adhere to the course of continuing to improve Soviet-American relations." That is, to continue detente.
- Both countries "stressed the great significance of the agreement regarding the further limitation of strategic offensive arms." Kissinger put forward ideas on how to carry out the Ford-Brezhnev agreement to limit each side to 2,400 delivery vehicles until 1985.
- The two countries will try to promote an early conclusion of the European Security Conference with a summit meeting. It was on this issue that most of the sharp exchanges occurred, but American officials believe it can be worked out.
- "Both sides reaffirmed their firm support for the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of Cyprus," where the Turkish Cypriot minority has just established a separate state from the majority Greek Cypriots.

It was learned that the question of trade and Jewish emigration came up at least twice in the talks. Kissinger has begun feeling out how something could be salvaged from the cancelled 1972 trade treaty. He believed the Russians are interested, it was learned.

Cairo message for Hussein

POST Middle East Affairs Correspondent

Jordanian Information Minister Salah Abu Zaid yesterday returned home from Cairo carrying a message for King Hussein from Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, presumably on the latter's forthcoming visit to Amman, probably on Thursday.

Sadat is likely to be joined in Jordan by Syrian President Hafez Assad for talks on last week's visit to the region by Secretary of State Henry Kissinger. The conference with Hussein was likely to focus on the possibility of giving Jordan a mandate to hold future negotiations with Israel over the West Bank.

The Jordanians hold that they have no such mandate now in view of the Rabat summit conference's decision to acknowledge the Palestine Liberation Organization as a guardian of the West Bank.

Meanwhile, the Israel authorities have adopted a number of measures aimed at promoting independent Arab institutions on the West Bank, it is learned. They are expected to announce these measures soon.

The Jerusalem Post learned that the Government has approved the opening of an Arab bank on the West Bank. Another Arab bank was likely to be opened also in the Gaza Strip.

Snow disturbs the Austrians

By YORAM HAMIZRAHI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

GOLAN HEIGHTS. — UN officials said here yesterday that heavy snow fall in the last few weeks had forced the Austrian unit on Mt. Hermon to bring supplies to their main camp — on the Syrian side of the moutain in the Area — through Israeli areas.

The officials said that last week one of their special vehicles helped to evacuate two Israeli soldiers trapped by a snowstorm. UN sources in the Golan Heights described the relations between them and both the Israelis and the Syrians as good. They said that in the past month there had been no violations of the disengagement agreement on Mt. Hermon.

Peruvian officials at Camp Bolivar said they as yet did not know who would replace them in April, but that the UN Disengagement of Forces headquarters had warned them that they might have to brief officers from another South American country in early March.

Kreisky: Rabin to Austria in April

VIENNA (JTA). — Chancellor Bruno Kreisky announced yesterday that Premier Yitzhak Rabin will visit Austria in April. He told newsmen, "The forthcoming visit of Rabin proves that our friendship with Israel remains unchanged."

Allon postpones visit to France

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Foreign Minister Yigal Allon has postponed his official visit to France, planned for next month, because it's scheduled dates might have clashed with Dr. Kissinger's return visit to the Middle East.

Mr. Allon was due to visit France on March 17. The U.S. Secretary of State intends to return to the Middle East on March 10 or 12. Officials said a new date for the visit to France would be set.

Mr. Allon will leave at the end of this week, as planned, for a visit to Germany. He will travel with Mrs. Golda Meir and others to Berlin as part of the Israel Labour Party contingent to the Socialist International meeting there. He will break away from the Labour delegation and continue to Bonn for a three-day official visit.

U.S., France compete for Lebanese arms deal

POST Middle East Affairs Correspondent

The U.S. and France are currently competing for a major arms deal with Lebanon, *The Jerusalem Post* learned yesterday. It involves "millions of dollars" which the Cairo-based joint Arab Defence Council earmarked recently for Lebanon. The sum has never been disclosed and estimates have varied considerably.

The Americans dispatched a senior Pentagon official to Beirut earlier this week to negotiate the arms deal, which the French are also anxious to obtain.

The Lebanese arms deal was reported to have triggered a split within Beirut's political circles, with one party preferring the American market while another favoured the French. The latter party was said to be mainly comprising political leaders sympathizing with the Palestine Liberation Organization, which has often claimed that the U.S. had plans to arm Beirut with the aim of consolidating Lebanese strength for a strike on terrorist organizations in Lebanon.

A PLO leader, Salah Khalaf, was yesterday quoted as saying in Beirut that U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger's Middle East mission last week included a plot against the terrorists in Lebanon. Khalaf is Fatah chief Yasser Arafat's second-in-command.

Saudi loan for Egypt

JEDDAH (Reuter). — Saudi Arabia has given Egypt a loan of $161m. to finance Egyptian development projects, the Saudi press agency reported yesterday.

It said the loan was given through the Saudi Development Fund, which had been set up with an initial capital of 10,000m. (about £1,000m.).

Furore in Knesset over party debts of IL60m.

By ASHER WALLFISH
Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The joint Labour-Herut proposal to wipe off party debts, to the tune of more than IL60m., kept the Knesset buzzing with excitement yesterday.

Outside the Palombo Gates, on Demonstration Hill, the Civil Rights Movement and the Shinui movement held a protest meeting, criticising the proposal for a Treasury guarantee for a consolidation loan to the indebted parties. The theme of the protest was that while the public at large was being urged to tighten its belt, there was no justification in asking the taxpayer today to pay for spendthrift politicians.

The demonstrators later presented a petition to the Knesset Speaker containing 4,000 signatures, which they said were collected yesterday. The petition said that an unlinked loan at *five* per cent for 20 years was "plundering the State coffers."

Labour members of the Alignment executive met to work out a common stand in support of the consolidation proposal. Israel Kargman, the chairman of the Knesset Finance Committee (which would be responsible for approving the Treasury guarantee for the projected loan) said that Premier Yitzhak Rabin, Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz and Labour secretary-general Meir Zarmi all backed the idea 100 per cent.

Kargman atttacked Jewish Agency treasurer Arye Dulzin, for criticising the idea over the Army Radio Network, and said Dulzin "did not speak the truth "when he described the loan as a "gift to the tune of IL100m."

Kargman also attacked the press for criticising the idea of a consolidation loan, declaring that newspapers which enjoyed subsidies were "hypocritical" if they believed that political parties were any less vital to democracy than the press.

The only voice in Labour against the idea was Rabbi Menahem Hacohen. He said the public was in no frame *of* mind to see its taxes going to the aid of the parties. He said Labour should sell its property and raise money that way.

Labour secretary Meir Zarmi said that Hacohen's argument about selling property was without foundation, because the only real estate in which the party owned shares was Beit Berl Labour College (near Kfar Saba).

Avraham Gewelber, Adi Amorai, Ari Ankorion and Eli Moyal, all favoured the idea of the debt consolidation.

Meanwhile, representatives of five parties were meeting elsewhere in the building to discuss whether they wished to promote a joint campaign against the debt consolidation programme. The parties were the Liberal wing of the Likud, the Independent Liberal Party, the Civil Rights Movement, the State List and the Free Centre.

The issue is potentially explosive for the Likud, since the Herut wing, which favours debt consolidation because of its own large debts, is in a minority. The Likud executive will have to take a vote on the issue before it comes to the Finance Committee — but meanwhile the Free Centre and the State List are formally committed to oppose it. The Shostak-Olmert wing, to be called "Independent Free Centre," appears to be siding with Herut.

Free Centre chairman Shmuel Tamir yesterday wrote Premier Rabin, mentioning his reported statement in Haifa on Sunday evening, that the Jewish Agency was giving the Likud bloc $1m. annually. To his knowledge, Tamir said, the Likud was not getting any such money, though perhaps the reference was to the Gahal bloc (Herut and the Liberals). He opposed Agency funds, going to parties or party institutions in Israel, Tamir wrote.

Tamir also wrote Agency chairman Pinhas Sapir, asking him to specify which parties were getting Agency money, how much and for what purposes. He put the same points in a parliamentary question, tabled to Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz.

The National Religious Party, while not taking any formal decision to approve the consolidation proposal, has virtually accepted it. Religious Affairs Minister Yitzhak Raphael told the NRP faction that it could only object to the proposal, if its opposition was unanimous. The NRP members of the Finance Committee were meanwhile instructed to go ahead and clarify the practical details of the consolidation proposal.

LIGHTER TAX FOR ISRAELIS LIVING IN THE AREAS

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

Sizable exemptions from income tax are to be granted to Israelis living in the Golan Heights, the West Bank and Sinai, the Income Tax Commission has announced.

These exemptions, the Commission's spokesman emphasized, are being granted as an exception, until the end of the 1975 tax year. They do not apply to Arab residents of these areas, who are taxed under different regulations (such as those which applied under Jordanian rule in the West Bank).

Residents of the Golan Heights will receive an exemption of IL1,000 per month, starting with this tax year. Residents of the Jordan Valley, Hebron and Gush Etzion will get a IL750 per month exemption, as will workers who live for six consecutive months, at least, in Abu Rodeis, Neviot or Refidim.

An exemption of IL600 per month will be granted to residents of the Gaza Strip and the West Bank (other than the specific areas already mentioned). Workers in Sinai — both wage earners and self-employed — will continue to be exempt on IL400 per month, provided they live there for at least three consecutive months (south and west of El-Arish, except for the locations named).

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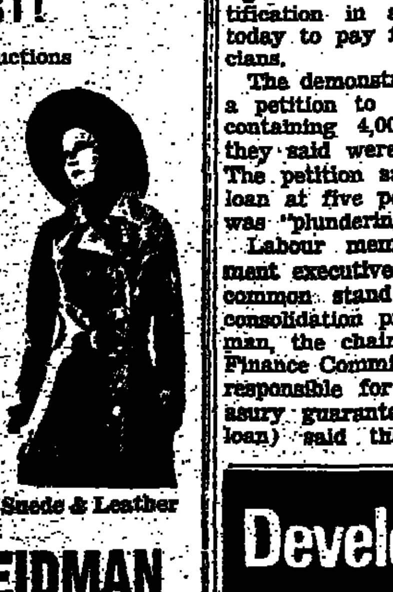

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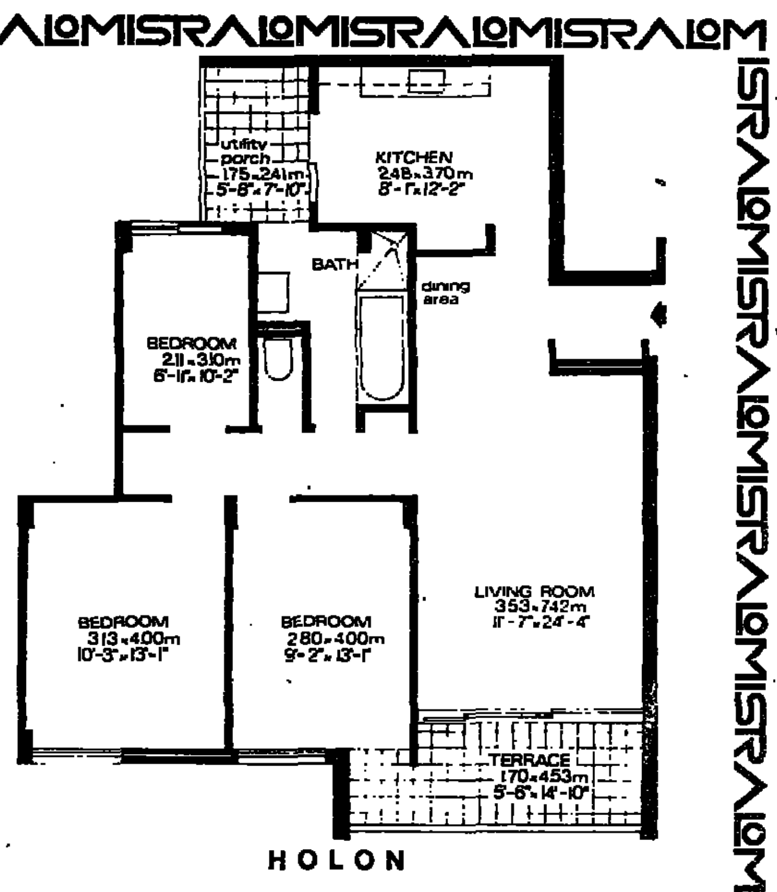

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Haifa	28	13—21	13—24
Tiberias	27	10—25	12—27
Nazareth	24	10—20	11—23
Afula	26	7—22	10—24
Shomron	23	9—19	10—21
Tel Aviv	24	11—25	12—27
B-G Airport	16	8—25	11—28
Jericho	30	7—26	10—29
Gaza	23	8—26	10—28
Beersheba	18	8—23	10—26
Eilat	12	12—28	13—30
Tiran	26	15—25	16—27

Social and Personal

President Ephraim Katzir yesterday received recent Soviet immigrants Prof. Alexander Voronel and his wife at his office in Jerusalem. He also received Prof. Andre Chouraqui.

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Archimandrite Seraphime, head of Russian Religious Mission in Jerusalem, yesterday paid a courtesy call on Mr. Raphael Levi, the Jerusalem District Commissioner.

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The Italian delegation now in Israel to sign an Italian-Israeli scientific and cultural agreement yesterday visited the Weizmann Institute in Rehovot and called on Professors Leo Sachs, Dean of the Faculty of Biology, and David Treves, of the Electronics Department.

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The Petah Tikva Wizo branch yesterday held a reception in honour of Mrs. Shoshana Gissin on her retirement after 30 years service as branch chairman and on the Israel Wizo National Executive. Among the speakers were Petah Tikva Mayor Israel Feinberg, Israel Wizo President Shulamit Broide, World Wizo Treasurer Miriam Porath and ex-Rishon Le Zion Mayor Hanna Levin, a veteran Israel Wizo leader.

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The president of the Israel-America Friendship Society ,Arye Dulzin, will speak (in Hebrew) on The U.S. Today, at the Society's Haifa branch, Shulamit Hotel, at 8 p.m. tonight.

DEPARTURES

Dr. Nahum Goldmann, President of the World Jewish Congress, for Paris.

LET'S CUT RED TAPE, SAYS ABSORPTION CHIEF

But 'rival' meetings held on same issue

By JUDY SIEGEL, Jerusalem Post Reporter

The problem of coordinating social absorption activities for new immigrants was discussed at two separate forums in Jerusalem yesterday — each scheduled without prior consultation of the other and attended by different representatives of several of the same organizatins.

The first meeting of the Zionist General Council brought together 60 representatives of youth movements, immigrants' and students' associations, government officials and Zionist leaders to deliberate on ways to counter the isolation of immigrants in Israeli society. Meeting for several hours at the Jewish Agency, it was chaired by Zionist Council chairman Arye Zimuki.

A few hours earlier and a few kilometres away, at Beit Elisheva, 90 organizational and government officials met on the same subject for the first time since they were appointed as the Public Council on Immigrant Absorption by Absorption Minister Shlomo Rosen a year ago.

An Absorption Ministry official told *The Jerusalem Post* that the Public Council session was planned "at *least a month ago*," and that they learned of the Zionist Council's plans to meet "only when it was too late." A Jewish Agency spokesman claimed that the Zionist Council meeting was planned "about a month and a half ago."

Jewish Agency Executive Chairman Pinhas Sapir told the Zionist General Council members that "if an immigrant leaves Israel despite the fact that he found housing and a job," then the lack of adequate social absorption is a "sin shared by each and every Israeli citizen." He added that the loneliness of immigrant schoolchildren begins while they are sitting in the classroom and develops as they go out into the wider society. Mr. Sapir noted that he is consulting with volunteer women's organizations to increase efforts in integrating the newcomer.

The number of Israelis who left the country last year (which has been estimated at 20,000 or more) is very worrisome, said Mr. Sapir. "I worry about each family that leaves as if it were a whole group — because deserting is infectious." He bemoaned the fact that no longer are *yordim* ashamed that they are leaving Israel as they once used to be. "Instead of slipping out at night, they go overtly, and Israeli society does not condemn it."

Mr. Sapir promised that "we are doing all kinds of things to increase aliya, and not necessarily by the use of Agency representatives abroad... some of whom are successful and some not." American Jews will meet in a few weeks to stimulate immigration among them, aided but not organized by Agency *shlihim*.

Absorption Minister Rosen earlier told the Public Council on Absorption that he hopes they will meet at *least four times a year to give him* advice and suggestions on improving social integration of olim. More re-training courses are being established to find the newcomer a suitable job; municipal absorption committees are being set up; seminars on Jewish history and tradition are planned for Russian immigrants; and a Georgian newspaper with a circulation of nearly 3,000 is being encouraged.

Mr. Rosen asserted that the current slowdown in immigration should be "made the best of by cutting red tape and improving programmes for social absorption so we'll be ready when really *large numbers of immigrants arrive.*"

Reuven Arzi, a former Mapam MK and now in the Israel Lands Authority, who was appointed by Rosen to chair the Public Council, said that *immigrants must have more patience, because* letters with exaggerated complaints sent to the people back home often do more damage than intended.

New Labour 'inner forum' shaping up

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Labour Alignment political committee is due to reconvene this evening after a hiatus of two years under the chairmanship of Premier Yitzhak Rabin in his Jerusalem office. Mr. Rabin is expected to report to his party comrades on the recent Kissinger visit and its ramifications for the future. Its composition will be completely new and provide a common forum for Alignment leaders in and out of Cabinet office.

Its members are Labour and Mapam ministers, the Alignment caucus of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Security Committee and the secretaries-general of Labour and Mapam — Meir Zarmi and Meir Talmi.

Former Premier Golda Meir has agreed to be a member and it is hoped she will help give a new lease of life to what might become a major policy-making forum. It is still unclear whether former Defence Minister Moshe Dayan will attend, while Jewish Agency chairman Pinhas Sapir has agreed to come. Former Foreign Minister Abba Eban, now abroad, has also agreed to be a member. The veteran Labour leader Shaul Avigur has also been invited as have the two Mapam doyens Meir Ya'ari and Ya'acov Hazan.

The Premier has come out strongly for fashioning a new central force in the Labour party based on the party branches, with the gradual elimination of the old pre-merger divisions. He told a closed meeting of the Haifa Labour party branch secretariat (which he addressed separately from the larger branch council) that new internal elections should be held before the year's end. Mr. Rabin also revealed that the Labour party central committee will meet in a month's time to adopt a new set of internal election regulations.

Support is growing for the proposal to revive the old *havreisa* inner leadership forum as a major step to abolishing the old divisions. Since the old Mapai framework has broken up another power structure is coalescing, based on the three main urban branches. The *havreisa* forum would comprise 15 members — the Labour ministers, the party secretary-general, the chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, the Knesset whip, the Histadrut secretary-general and the leaders of the three main branches. (This would only affect Haifa Mayor Yosef Almogi, as Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz of Tel Aviv and Labour Minister Moshe Baram of Jerusalem would belong by virtue of their cabinet membership.)

A Jerusalem Police soccer team yesterday lost its match Vienna Police team. Here Jerusalem captain Armand Shalo shirt, is seen exchanging souvenirs with his Viennese collea the game. The result of the match, played at the Hebrew stadium, was 3-2 in favour of the Austrians. (Raham

Israel wants to jo European ping-po

By JACK LEON
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Israel is to make a major effort to be admitted to the European section of the International Table Tennis Association (ITTA), having been ejected from the Asian *grouping at the instigation of China.*

Israel was a founder-member of the ITTA's original Asian section 15 years ago, but it was reformed by the Chinese in the early 1970's at the time of Peking's "ping-pong diplomacy." Both Israel and Formosa were excluded from the new body, which was given official status at the ITTA's 1973 world congress in Belgrade. Since then, the Israelis have had various applications for affiliation to the Peking-based section turned down.

"We are now in a complete void as far as table tennis is concerned, with virtually no hope of getting back into the Asian grouping," local sports federation secretary-general Shmuel Lalkin told *The Post* yesterday. An application for membership of the European section (which is based in Britain) would now be made in order to put an end to Israel's anomalous position in the game. The Indian Government *banned of Israel and South Africa* from the just-concluded 33rd bien- nial World Table Tennis ships in Calcutta.

The Israel Sports Fe the umbrella organisati sports, and some half-doz are members of their a European section, with t longing to Asian groupin the latter is handball a ternational Handball Fe reportedly considering sw rael to the European South Korea excluded I the Asian preliminarie Women's World Handball ships now taking place *Instead, the Israeli girls* the winners of the Seoul two-leg play-off at the month, for the right to the finals in Kiev, in

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TEL AVIV. — The Isr professional basketball night defeated the Iber stars from Spain 80-74 i pean League match at Eliyahu stadium.

The return match takes tomorrow night.

Proposal to raise Tel Aviv municipal rates by a third

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Municipal rates will soon rise by an average of 33 per cent. But most Tel Avivians will in effect have to pay an almost 50 per cent increase as they will no longer enjoy exemptions granted in the 1970 economic package.

The increases are in keeping with a decision by the Union of Local Authorities to raise rates all over the country by 40 to 60 per cent.

In 1970 Tel Aviv switched from a system whereby rates were paid according to the number of rooms, to a system based on apartment size. This was to have channelled more funds into the city coffers. But the city agreed to collect the higher rates only from people who changed apartments. The others were to start paying more only from 1972 and even that gradually. Thus home owners in the same house and with identical flats had until now sometimes paid vastly different sums.

Mayor Shlomo Lahat said the city could have raised the rates even more, as other cities had done, but chose to do away with the 1970 arrangements instead and ask for a more moderate rate increase.

The rise still has to be approved by the City Council.

Egged gets additional IL 10m. subsidy

Jerusalem Post Staff

TEL AVIV. — The government is giving Egged an additional IL10m. subsidy, the Transport Ministry spokesman announced last night.

The announcement came following an emergency meeting between Min*istry and Egged officials in the* wake of strike threats by the bus cooperative. Egged paid no wages this month after income-tax authorities, claiming IL11m. in unpaid taxes, put a lien on its bank accounts.

Bus cooperative officials had claimed the government promised it a IL60m. additional subsidy. They said this was for losses of IL92m. because of a 27 per cent passenger drop.

However, the ministry spokesman said that company officials, when pressed, conceded the government had made no such commitment. Ministry officials pointed out that Egged received IL102m. in government subsidies since February 1974. The Treasury had also prematurely released a *compulsory loan of* IL63m. This, the minister noted, was in addition to two fare increases, of 50 per cent in February 1974 and 33⅓ per cent in December.

Nonetheless, Egged is getting the additional IL10m. to tide it over until the Golumb Committee makes its report at the end of the week. The committee was appointed to recommend a fares policy as well as guidelines for a new agreement with the public carriers. If the committee calls for even greater subsidies, the spokesman said, it will be paid.

Financial sources in Jerusalem noted yesterday that the company's estimate of the drop in passengers may well be correct, in the light of the fare increases. However, these same circles felt Egged could easily solve its financial problems by selling some of its vast real estate holdings.

Cabbie killed, 8 injured in triple pile-up in South

ASHKELON. — An East Jerusalem taxi driver was killed and eight persons were injured, five of them seriously, in a triple-collision on the Plugot road late on Sunday night.

Fakhri Awad as-Sal was killed outright when his cab collided with a semi-trailer and a Peugeot pick-up at Km. 51 of the Plugot road. The driver of the pick-up truck, Ya'acov Biton, 34, of Kiryat Gat, was seriously wounded, as were four of the passengers in the taxi: Nahum Najlekar, 47, of Dimona; Yoel Avsekar, 34, also of Dimona; Rahel Tabibi, 25, of Eilat; and Yosef Berjil, 34, of Beersheba.

The driver of the truck, Daniel Hason of Or Yehuda, and another two passengers escaped with light injuries. All the injured were taken to the Ashkelon Hospital.

The Ashkelon police are investigating. *(Itim)*

Two held on smuggling charge

TEL AVIV. — Two men were remanded for five days by the Magistrate's Court here yesterday on suspicion of smuggling goods into the country at Ben-Gurion Airport. They are Ya'acov Ganor of Rishon *Lezion, a TWA maintenance* worker at the airport, and Dov Rasilavsky, a Ramat Gan taxi driver. A third suspect, Hanoch Feigman, a TWA maintenance worker, of Rishon Lezion, was released on IL3,000 bail.

The police prosecutor alleged that *Ganor had been tracked by* police for the past two months, and that he had been caught in possession of two suitcases containing smuggled cameras and movie equipment valued at IL200,000. Ganor allegedly removed the cases from a TWA plane and hid them in a generator truck *belonging to the airline.*

Rasilavsky, the prosecutor alleged, was the man behind the operation, ordering and paying for *the smuggled goods.* The prosecutor said Rasilavsky had been involved in a watch-smuggling case about two years ago, when he opted to pay a cash fine rather than stand trial.

Police claim the three are part of a smuggling ring operating out of Ben-Gurion airport. *(Itim)*

T.A. attorney held for puncturing colleague's tires

TEL AVIV. — A policeman and policewoman, posing as lovers, yesterday caught a prominent local *attorney allegedly puncturing the* tires of a colleague's car here.

The police ambush was set up near the Rehov Gordon swimming pool following a complaint by attorney Zvi Lidsky that holes had repeatedly been punched in his tires.

The police couple said the rival attorney, whose name has been withheld pending his remand, was seen approaching the car and bending over it following which the car settled on its rims. When apprehended, the rival attorney was holding a pair of sharp scissors. He was visibly agitated, the police said, and asked to speak to Lidsky.

Instead he was taken to police headquarters. The motive for the act is believed to be professional jealousy. *(Itim)*

Peled new head of Kibbutz Artzi

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Natan Peled, former Absorption Minister, has been chosen Secretary of the Mapam-affiliated Kibbutz Artzi federation.

Some 150 representatives of the 76 Hashomer Hatzair Kibbutzim on the Federation Executive council met at Kibbutz Mizra in the Jezreel Valley on Sunday and chose Peled to succeed Shimon Avidan.

Peled returned *to his home* at Kibbutz Sarid after Mapam opted for Shlomo Rosen, fellow member of Kibbutz Sarid, as Absorption Minister. Since then he has urged that Mapam abandon its alignment with the Labour Party and go it alone at the next elections.

The meeting was told that the Kibbutz Artzi federation plans to establish another eight to ten settlements on the Golan Heights, the Rafah Approaches and in the Arava south of Sde Boker. It was resolved for political reasons not to establish any settlements in Judea or Samaria.

Policeman beaten in courtroom

HAIFA. — A prisoner in Magistrate's court here allegedly used his handcuffs to beat a policeman into unconsciousness on Sunday.

Rahamim Marciano, 20, who had just been sentenced to 18 month imprisonment, reportedly vented his rage at the sentence by hitting constable Ya'acov Hanin over the head. Hanin was rushed, unconscious, to hospital.

His condition yesterday was said *to be improving.* *(Itim)*

Double theft nets IL 700,000 from coin shop

TEL AVIV. — Thieves on Sunday stole coins and medallions valued at IL700,000 from a coin shop in Rehov *Mendele here — after first breaking* into the Ramat Gan home of the coin dealer and filching the keys to the shop from the sleeping man's trousers.

The bunch of keys stolen from coin dealer Haim Sassa included the key to the shop's safe, which the thieves opened and emptied of all the coins it contained. *(Itim)*

New candidate in U.S. presidential race

WASHINGTON (AP). — U.S. Senator Lloyd M. Bentsen Jr., a wealthy Texan with more money than tangible political support, yesterday became the fifth formal entrant into the 1976 Democratic presidential race.

Soviet art protester leaves for England

MOSCOW (AP). — Alexander Glazer, one of the organizers of unrecognized Soviet artists, has left Moscow to emigrate to England.

Although he applied for permission to emigrate to Israel, friends said he plans to settle in London. He left Moscow with his wife and their 13-year-old son on a flight to Vienna via Zurich.

PIPELINE CO. FIRING 50

ASHKELON. — The Eilat-Ashkelon Pipeline Company is dismissing 50 of its 70 seamen for lack of work, the company informed the Labour Council here yesterday.

In its letter to the Council, the company said the drop in the amount of oil flowing through the pipeline and the decrease in the number of tankers calling at the oil terminal has made it necessary to drop most of the 70 seamen employed in Ashkelon. *(Itim)*

Nurse shortage in Beersheba

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA. — A serious shortage of qualified nurses may lead to partial closure of the orthopaedic department at the Soroka Medical Centre here, says department head Dr. Gabriel Torok.

The increasing number of road accidents in the area has placed more pressure on the 120-bed department.

Director named for Postal Bank

Uzi Rave has been appointed director of the Postal Bank, it was announced yesterday in Jerusalem.

The appointment was made by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, who holds the Communications Ministry portfolio.

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CALCUTTA (Reuter). Jonyer of Hungary at la himself table tennis ch the world by defeating pancic of Yugoslavia in singles final at the cha here.

Geologist continue str

Jerusalem Post Report

Geologist Moshe Shafrir night ended a two-day strike outside the Prime Office in Jerusalem to pro he states are inadequaci exploration policy, will site of his protest to Tel afternoon.

Shafrir says Israel sh withdraw from Abu Rodei until adequate oil supplies in Israel through intensive tion.

He told *The Post* his r submit a petition to Prime Yitzhak Rabin had encou refusal. Hence he would protest to outside the Fin nister's bureau in the Hak ernment quarter in Tel A hope to be allowed to see nance Minister, who was re for oil affairs.

Shafrir said nearly 40 had come to express their cation with his protest, du past two days. Four MKs — T rowitz, Zalman Shoval, Ar (all Likud) and Boaz Mos — had urged him to persi campaign.

Vocational training is one of the major tasks of Ilan, the Israel Foundation for Handicapped Children, which yesterday held its country-wide March of Prutot campaign. A graduate of one of Ilan's training programmes is seen here working at a factory bench. (Freidin)

Gas blaze on army truck

Jerusalem Post Reporter

RAMLE. — A load of cooking gas containers on an army truck caught fire here yesterday evening, reducing the truck to a charred wreck. The driver suffered medium burns. A second soldier on the truck was unhurt.

The fire was apparently caused by a spark igniting a leaking gas balloon.

WOLFSON PROFESSOR

Prof. Eytan Sheshinski, Professor of Economics at the Hebrew University, has been named the first incumbent of the Isaac Wolfson Chair of Public Finance at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. The Chair was endowed in 1963 by the Wolfson Foundation in England.

Social workers want better protection

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Social services directors will hold a meeting on Thursday at Histadrut headquarters here to discuss inadequate *protection against acts of violence.*

Yitzhak Kadman, newly-elected secretary of the Social Workers Union, yesterday told the Histadrut's committee on professionals that the police are often slow in responding to emergency calls for protection. He said also that the courts have a tendency to dismiss offenders with "ridiculously light" sentences.

Mr. Kadman cited one case where an offender was filed IL1, *with the* judge explaining that a social worker was "like a soldier who has to expect violence."

We mourn the sudden, untimely death of our beloved manager,

DAVID TAWIL

and share the sorrow of the family

Staff of the Duty-Free Shop
Ben-Gurion Airport

With deep sorrow we announce the sudden death on February 16, 1975, of our beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother

JULIA COHEN-OS

Formerly of UTRECHT—HOLLAND
Shiva: 4 Rehov Narkis, Givatayim

MIEP WESTREICH—COHEN, children and grandchildren
RACHEL BITTMAN—COHEN, children and grandchildren

The bereaved family:

On the thirtieth day after the death of our dear husband, father and grandfather

RABBI DOV GRINSTHEIN ז"ל

We will go to his graveside to hold a memorial meeting and *unveil his tombstone, on Thursday, February 20, 1975,* at 3 p.m., at the Kiryat Shaul cemetery.

We will meet at the cemetery gate.

Transportation will be available for participants, leaving at 2.30 p.m. from the home of the deceased, 41 Rehov Krinitzi, Ramat Gan.

The Bereaved Family

On the thirtieth day after the passing of our beloved

BRONEK SHEMER (Shmorak)

A Memorial Service and the unveiling of the tombstone w be held on February 20, 1975 at 3 p.m. at the Ramat Hashar Cemetery. We shall meet at the cemetery gates.

Our thanks to all those who comforted us in person or writing on our bereavement.

Noomi Shemer and fa

With deep sorrow we announce the sudden death of our belo

Leonard (Eliezer David) Friedland

after a brief illness.

The funeral will leave Shaare Zedek Hospital in Jerusalem Hartuv cemetery, near the Shimshon crossroads, at 2 p.m. Tuesday, February 18, 1975.

His children: Mrs. Ora Zipper, Florida, Israela Friedland, New Yo
His sisters: Mrs. Bess Ackerman, New York City, Mrs. Lillian Dratman, Be
His brother Jack Yeriel, Neve Dan

We mourn the untimely death of our dear Haver

BENNI ELAN (APELBAUM)

a leader, and among the first Halutzim of the Labour Zionist Youth Movement in America.

Our condolences to the bereaved family and Kibbutz Afik

National Executive, Labour Zionist Alliance of America
Dr. Yehuda Shapiro, President
Yacob Katzman, Executive Vice-President

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Larger flats cost less, smaller ones cost more, in last half of 1974

By MORDECHAI ERANN, Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

Prices of flats during the last half of 1974 rose less than prices in general — and the average price of larger apartments even declined in many areas, according to figures published by the Central Bureau of Statistics in Jerusalem.

At the same time trade sources say building starts this year will total five million square metres, 25 per cent less than in 1974. It is feared this will lead to cutbacks in the 75,000-man building labour force.

The average cost of flats rose in the second half of 1974 by 7.3 per cent, compared to prices averaged during April to September of the same year. In Haifa the rise was 10 per cent; in Jerusalem it was 8.6 per cent; and in Tel Aviv the rise was 3.7 per cent. (Since apartment prices are difficult to establish for a given date, such as the end of a quarter, they are averaged for a period of time.)

However, prices of medium and large apartments in Tel Aviv and Haifa declined during the comparison period — and large apartments cost less in other areas as well. The cost of small (1½-to 2-room) apartments went up everywhere except in the north. At the end of the year, the average price of small flats was IL100,600 (compared to IL90,000 in July-September); medium apartments — 2½ or 3 rooms—cost an average IL133,300 (IL135,900 in the previous period); and flats of 3½ or four rooms cost IL166,600 (compared to IL191,100 in July-September).

The highest price rises occurred in the Sharon-Dan Region and the centre of the country, as well as in the south. The greatest decline in prices occurred in the north, where the average cost went down some 23 per cent.

It is far from certain, however, that these figures indicate a reversal of the rising inflation. Statistics on imput costs in flat construction showed they went up by more than 50 per cent last year. Although they rose only by 1.2 per cent in January, statisticians point out that a similar situation existed in January 1973, yet prices that year rose by some 25 per cent.

Information on other input price rises also indicate a substantial rise in recent months. Much of this reflects the results of November's devaluation — but at the same time the public is bound to feel the effects some time later.

More flats for single, elderly

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Another 1,500 apartments will be built for singles and for elderly persons, doubling the number approved several months ago, Jewish Agency Executive Chairman Pinhas Sapir announced yesterday.

Natorei Karta ready to 'advise' PLO

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Natorei Karta is not willing to accept a Cabinet post in any Government-in-Exile that the Palestine Liberation Organization may set up but it is willing to provide "consultants on Jewish affairs."

This position, enunciated yesterday by a Natorei Karta spokesman in Jerusalem, was adopted on the basis of consultations between leaders of the anti-Zionist sect in Jerusalem, New York, England, Belgium and France, he said. It was made in response to a report in a Beirut newspaper last month that the PLO was contemplating taking anti-Zionist Jews into any future government it sets up.

The Natorei Karta spokesman said the group was limiting itself "at this time" to consultant status. "Beyond this, we haven't thought it through," he said. Natorei Karta representatives abroad, he said, were presently in the process of arranging consultations with the PLO to discuss the matter. He declined to say whether such contacts had already been made.

The spokesman said the Natorei Karta abhorred the spilling of blood but that terrorism was the result of a state of war which could only be ended with direct negotiations with the PLO.

'WARM WAVE' TO CONTINUE

By ZE'EV SCHUL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEIT DAGON. — The unseasonably warm and dry weather is likely to continue until at least Thursday or Friday this week, the weatherman states. The coastal plain basked in a mild heat wave yesterday. Tel Aviv registered 25° Centigrade, only one degree less than the noon time maximum in Eilat. Maximum temperatures in Jerusalem and the Galilee ranged from 14 to 17 degrees.

There is a chance that the easterly "flow," which has caused this minor heat wave, may be replaced later this week by a low pressure cold weather incursion from Europe bringing renewed local showers.

Rainfall totals registered to date are generally within the 30 year average count. The tally stands at some 500 mms. for the central area — 352 mms. in Jerusalem (slightly below par, with the total annual average, to the end of the rainy season, being just over 500 mms). and 534 mms. in Haifa and 138 mms. in Beersheba.

Farmers and hydrologists have no reason to complain so far. The Lake Kinneret reservoir level stands 20 centimetres higher than it was at this time last year and now registers at only 1.9 metres below its maximum storage capacity. Other reservoirs are also reported to be reasonably well filled. The Menashe reservoir is storing an estimated 12 million cu.m. out of its total 14 million cu.m. capacity.

The Shikma lake in the south is also reported to be well filled and contains 1¼ million of its 2¼ million cu.m. storage capacity. The Kfar Baruch lake in the Emek holds three million of a six million cu.m. water storage capacity. In addition, Mekorot is pumping a million cu.m. out of Lake Kinneret every day and replenishing underground water reservoirs at a rate of 800,000 cu.m. per day.

Mekorot spokesman Mordechai Yacobovitz told The Jerusalem Post here yesterday. "All told this has not been a bad year. Lake Kinneret is still due to collect much of the Mount Hermon snow when it starts melting, later in the season. And we definitely expect more rain soon."

He added that Israel's cheapest source of unconventional water remained its cloud seeding programme. Mekorot experts estimated the annual cloud-seeding yield to range from 60-80 million cubic metres per year, "net" — an additional quantity, three times larger than the net yield, was lost as run-off, by evaporation and other causes, Mr. Yacobowitz said. The cost is IL2m. per year.

Israel Corp. appointment

Andrew Griffel, 32, an American immigrant, has been appointed secretary to the Israel Corporation, replacing Avner Harari. This is the first major appointment in the company following the replacement of Michael Tzur as managing director by Israel Gal-Edd. Griffel, a lawyer by profession, served as production manager for the Israel branch of an American publishing house and then worked for the Jerusalem Fund. He settled in Israel three years ago.

Protest at exclusion

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Israel Society for the Protection of Nature has protested over its exclusion from next month's meeting in Iran for experts on arid zones and Red Sea underwater life.

The society sent the protest to Gerardo Budowski in Switzerland, secretary of the International Union for Conservation of Nature, which is sponsoring the conference.

Azarya Alon, secretary of the Israel society, complained that Israel had to learn about the meeting from the union's bulletin.

Teacher fined for indecent act; counsellor held on similar charge

A Beersheba high school teacher was fined IL800 and given a six-month suspended sentence yesterday for making an indecent advance to a schoolgirl.

In a separate case, a 27-year-old youth counsellor at the Gan Yavne boarding school was yesterday charged with having sexual relations with two of the boys in his care and making indecent advances to another two.

Rafael Sheli was found guilty in the Beersheba Magistrate's Court of caressing the leg of a 13-year-old girl when he interviewed her last July for admission to the "Bet" comprehensive high school here. He was suspended from his position immediately after the offence, a fact the judge took into account when passing sentence.

Sheli said in his defence that he had been provoked by the briefness of the girl's skirt.

The youth counsellor was charged with committing indecent acts with a number of the young boys in his care between the end of last summer and January this year. His name was withheld after he broke down in the Tel Aviv District Court and asked that his invalid mother be spared the pain of seeing his name in the paper.

Judge Hadassa Ben-Ito ordered that he be sent for psychiatric observation before standing trial. The prosecutor noted that the accused had been in mental institutions on three previous occasions, but never for sexual offences. (Itim)

"Ship to shore" electrocardiagraph in action. (Tauber)

Cardiac aid for sailors at sea

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Zim has installed a "ship to shore" electrocardiagraph on one of its vessels, the Zim-Genoa, in what is believed to be the first trial of this kind. The machine is connected to a monitor at Rambam Hospital here via a ship-to-shore telephone.

The first ship to shore cardial test has already been carried out, when the ship was 600 miles off Haifa, and the "results were surprisingly clear."

The ship has also been provided with a variety of syringes, each containing a different heart medicine, which can be administered in an emergency on the instructions of the physician in Haifa without the need for a doctor on board. The instrument is to be used in every case of cardiac emergency, and if proved succesful, Zim intends installing them on all of its ships.

Gov't should use more local experts, engineers say

By ARTHUR KEMELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The government should prevent the "unlimited" import of technical know-how, according to Elhanan Pelles, head of the Association of Engineers and Architects, which held its 37th triennial convention yesterday.

In his opening statement to the convention, attended by about 100 delegates, Mr. Pelles said know-how should be imported only when absolutely essential and when no Israeli specialists were available. If foreign know-how was imported, contracts and arrangements made should include Israeli participation, so that the knowledge remains in the country once the project is completed.

A reliable source at the convention said a memorandum was submitted last week to Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz, calling on him to direct the Israel Electric Corporation to make use of Israeli specialists rather than foreign experts for building the proposed nuclear power station.

Mr. Pelles said that a chief concern of the association during the next three years will be the integration of immigrant engineers and architects. The association, in cooperation with government bodies, is at present exploring the possibility of training immigrant engineers to inspect electrical and gas systems in Israeli homes.

Another concern of the association will be its involvement with the Israel Industry Research and Development Centre, which held its first meeting last week. The centre, which is backed by the government and industry, as well as the association, will coordinate and direct research and development projects according to national priorities.

Mr. Pelles was re-elected chairman of the association for another three-year-term. Shlomo Arazi was elected honorary treasurer.

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B-G University, Kupat Holim plan medical centre

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Kupat Holim executive committee last week unanimously approved an agreement to cooperate with the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev in Beersheba to establish a medical scientific centre to serve the Negev's health needs.

Dr. Haim Doron, deputy chairman of Kupat Holim, said the centre will train general practioners to serve Negev communities. The curriculum will include courses in social welfare and communal health.

Under the agreement Kupat Holim clinics and hospitals will be made available to the university for teaching and research. The Soroka Hospital in Beersheba will become a regular university hospital. The Ministry of Health is expected to become a third party to the agreement, Dr. Doron said.

NEWS BRIEFS

If arms are stolen from a parked vehicle the owner will lose his weapons licence. An agreement to this effect was reached on Friday by the Police and Interior Ministries, who said they were acting to cut down the growing number of such thefts.

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The question of having women volunteer to perform various tasks in the army is still under study, and the tasks have not yet been defined, the Army Spokesman announced on Friday. He said the women volunteers would work through existing women's service organizations.

Police chief says courts should be tougher

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Police Inspector-General Shaul Rosolio believes judges may be too lenient with criminals.

Addressing the Commercial and Industrial Club here last Friday, he said judges were guided by a Jewish tradition of mercy. But while legislation could be liberal the laws themselves should be "seriously enforced."

Mr. Rosolio also warned against excessive restrictions on the police's capability to investigate. "Progress and liberalism are fine... but I would strongly recommend that Israel does not go so far that she has to retreat," the police chief said.

He acknowledged that crimes have become more violent and sophisticated. This was a reflection of the growing atmosphere of aggression in the country. Mr. Rosolio attributed this to the security situation, new immigrant problems, the crowded towns, frustration and the accessibility and general knowledge of the use of arms.

Crimes now involve reconnaissance, use of cars and sometimes even two-way radio equipment. But police are more sophisticated too, he said.

He said that there has been an increase in the number of stolen cars which have not been recovered. Government economic policy had resulted in a shortage of spare parts and thieves were vandalizing the cars for the parts.

Mr. Rosolio reported too that 1,000 forged documents had been found among immigrants from East Europe, ranging from a surgeon's permit to driving licences.

The Inspector-General indicated that police expect to expose more economic scandals. The state and public sectors, and possibly private enterprise as well, have developed too fast in relation to the development of controlling mechanisms, he said. "I am talking not only of mismanagement and theft but also of bribery," he said.

Mr. Rosolio advised businessmen to apply controlling mechanisms "to plug the hole so there will be no rats." In all the cases police were handling, save one, the main problem was "an absence of warning mechanisms," he said.

The crime rate has been increasing by 8-11 per cent per year, commensurate with the rise in the Western world. But the drug problem had been eradicated, he said.

The police chief also called for a law regulating electronic eavesdropping which today could be carried out by any private detective, he noted.

More tomatoes, less cotton grown

By DAVID KRIVINE
Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent

One of the results of the world economic situation is that Israel's farmers are switching from growing cotton to tomatoes.

The head of the Food Division in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Avraham Ben-Moshe, told The Jerusalem Post last week that tighter purses throughout the world have reduced the demand of less-than-essential food items. But articles of popular consumption based on local inputs — like canned tomatoes, which are not over-costly to produce — remain in steady demand. Export of this commodity earned $5.5m. in 1973, $9m. in 1974 and is expected $15m.-16m. this year. Now that cotton prices have sagged, plans are afoot to reduce part of the cotton plantations, and replace them with tomatoes.

The incentive is not lacking. The farmers were paid IL312 a ton by the canneries last year, are now offered IL500 — with the price linked to the effective exchange-rate of the export dollar.

A committee under Ben-Moshe is studying the profitability of the citrus products industry, one of Israel's big export branches. This sector has been hit by the current recession, also by the emergence of a new and highly competitive Brazilian export industry.

Brazil cultivates oranges specifically for the canning plants, rendering obsolete the traditional Israeli practice of using bruised or rejects of the citrus harvest.

One of the first recommendations the Ben-Moshe committee is going to be the inauguration of the par- ta'assyati, or "industrial orange grove," planned to supply the factories instead of the fruit bowl.

The committee comprises, in addition to civil servants from the Ministries of Commerce and Agriculture, three representatives of the industry itself: David Herzano of Assis, Shlomo Shiloach of Rimon and Ruth Cohen of Yachin. Its first discovery was that the fear of overproduction this season is a false alarm. A crop of 800,000 tons expected for the factories turned out for climatic and other reasons to be only 600,000 tons, or 15 per cent less than last year.

Nevertheless, the industry is having to pull its socks up. A change whose implications are only gradually seeping through is that the export of fruit juices is on the decline. Instead, fruit concentrates are despatched to manufacturers abroad, who make their own bottled drinks. The flaunting of a well-known name like Assis on the can becomes a less important selling-point when the customer is a factory. All this reinforces the general need, emphasized by the committee, for collective marketing through a single agency, with a single (new) brand name.

A law was passed four years ago setting up a Citrus Products Marketing Board (similar to the Citrus Marketing Board) — but selling remains diffused between 22 companies. The committee will recommend the creation of a centralized marketing firm, which will do for processed citrus what Agrexco does for fresh farm produce.

Ben-Moshe pointed out that some food items are no longer profitable for export, owing to the high cost of the raw materials used in their production. Shipments of jams, for example (which require a lot of sugar), fell from $250,000 in January 1974 to $71,000 in January of this year. Squashes fell from $186,000 to $69,000.

Last year, Israel's total food exports were $130m. Half of that was citrus products, which depend on a fruit that is harvested in the winter. Their price has remained stagnant, so the growth sector is now other fruit and vegetables. For the first time in Israel's history, summer crops are overtaking winter crops in volume of cultivation.

The price of food imports shows signs of steadying after a precipitous rise last year — but no relief seems to be in view for the customer, in Ben-Moshe's view. Sugar cost $200 a ton a few years ago, soared to $1,500 in 1974, and is now down again to $800. If we include marketing costs, that comes to IL7,000 a ton in the shops, or IL7 a kilo. So the Treasury has still to disburse a fat subsidy of IL1,000 a ton, to keep the retail price down even to the costly level of IL6 a kilo currently prevailing.

Time is right for Israel to take risks for peace, American rabbi believes

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

AFTER VISITING three Arab states and meeting PLO leaders in Beirut, Rabbi Israel Mowshowitz of New York believes the time has come for Israel to take risks for peace.

The Orthodox rabbi, spiritual leader of the Hillcrest Jewish Centre, was the only delegate to the recent World Jewish Congress to arrive in Israel via Allenby Bridge. He crossed over from Jordan after spending three weeks meeting government spokesmen and intellectuals in Egypt, Lebanon and Syria. The message he brought with him was an optimistic one.

"There is a real desire for peace in the Arab world," he said in an interview. "They have definitely accepted the existence of Israel. They still don't believe it has a moral right to exist but they feel that after 27 years and four major wars it has an acquired right." This appraisal does not include the PLO, which does not acknowledge any rights. But after talks with several of their leaders, Rabbi Mowshowitz believes that they too are ready, however reluctantly, to accept Israel's existence as a fact.

CONGREGATION

Rabbi Mowshowitz, whose congregation is one of the largest in the U.S., visited the Arab countries officially as a fact-finder for Rep. Lester Wolff, chairman of the House Subcommittee on Foreign Aid. The American Embassies in each capital helped arrange meetings for him with local Arabs but — on State Department orders — refused to act as an intermediary with PLO representatives. Rabbi Mowshowitz made his own contact with the latter in Beirut through personages he met in Cairo.

Dr. Nabil Sha'ath, the PLO's chief representative in New York and the man who reportedly wrote Yasser Arafat's speech to the United Nations, visited Rabbi Mowshowitz in his Beirut hotel. Dr. Sha'ath, who taught at the Wharton School of Finance in Pennsylvania, is described by the rabbi as brilliant. According to Dr. Sha'ath, the Arafat speech had been misunderstood in the West. When Arafat said he had a dream of a secular state in Palestine, Dr. Sha'ath explained to Rabbi Mowshowitz, he was making a distinction between dream and reality. "A dream can be realized in 100 years, 200 years or never. We're trying to say that in the meantime there will be two states living side by side." He suggested that if Arafat had been any more explicit, he would have been assassinated by the more radical elements in the PLO. According to the rabbi, Dr. Sha'ath strongly implied that the PLO would make peace with Israel on the basis of mutual recognition.

While some of the Palestinians he met in Amman spoke of a desire to return to former homes within Israel proper, the rabbi said, "I'm not sure about the reality with which they view this."

It was in Egypt that Rabbi Mowshowitz sensed the most encouraging peace vibrations. "The Egyptians are tired of war. Their losses have been greater than is apparent to outsiders and they feel them deeply. Everyone I talked to felt that war is the greatest disaster for Egypt. They want to concentrate on peaceful development."

While accepting Israel's existence, however, the Egyptians fear Israel's intentions. The man in the street believes that there's a map in front of the Knesset showing the boundaries of Israel reaching from the Nile to the Euphrates, says Rabbi Mowshowitz. While the intellectuals don't believe this, they do believe Israel has expansionist ambitions. "The terrible aspect of the Middle East conflict is that each side questions the other's desire for peace," the rabbi says.

CHARLES MALIK

The Egyptians don't particularly like the Palestinians, said Rabbi Mowshowitz, but feel they have a right to their own country. Without that and without Israel's withdrawal from Egyptian territory, the Egyptians to whom Rabbi Mowshowitz spoke said there could be no peace.

It was Charles Malik, the former Lebanese Foreign Minister, who raised the question of what things would be like after a peace agreement. In his beautiful home overlooking the Mediterranean, where he received Rabbi Mowshowitz, Mr. Malik asked whether Israel would accept a place in the Middle East as an equal with the Arabs — sharing with them its technology — or whether it would seek economic and technological hegemony.

The major impression left upon Rabbi Mowshowitz, international representative for the Synagogue Council of America, is that conditions are now ripe for peace as they have never been before. "This is a very, very good time for peace. It's a time when risks should be taken."

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Portuguese moderates fight permanent junta

LISBON (UPI). — Moderate forces within the Armed Forces Movement formed a temporary coalition yesterday in an effort to defeat a left-wing proposal to create a permanent military government in Portugal.

The fight developed in a mass conference of the movement reconvened to discuss its future.

A weekend newspaper said the main business of the conference was to discuss changing the ruling military government into a permanent political force in Portugal.

But a spokesman denied this. "We are not trying to institute a military dictatorship," he said.

A weekend newspaper, "Expresso," openly said that one of two main proposals being studied by the 200 delegates would create an authoritarian left-wing regime in this country.

It said it would seek to destroy private enterprise in the country as did the previous government.

"The government should create a series of concrete measures that would permit the destruction of capitalist power in Portugal," it quoted the proposal as saying.

Political sources said the moderate forces pushed to have this proposal watered down to temporary military control of the government.

President Francisco da Costa Gomes last week announced that elections would be held April 12 for a constituent assembly to write a presidential-type constitution for this country.

The meeting was called to define the power of the movement within this context.

The left-wing of the movement suggested that the military should become a permanent political force with veto powers. But the moderates said it should instead be a supragovernmental force to help the civilians guide this country to a democratic government.

OAU recommends ties with Lisbon

ADDIS ABABA (UPI). — The 42-nation Organization of African Unity (OAU) yesterday recommended that member states establish diplomatic relations with Portugal following Lisbon's moves to dismantle its African empire.

A spokesman for the OAU denied press reports that at least 20 states were now willing to discuss the admittance of South Africa into the organization.

Ministers from the 42 Arab and black African states have been meeting here since Thursday to review the Continent's problems and draw up an agenda for a full heads of state meeting later this year.

Because of Portugal's new policy in granting independence to its African colonies, a spokesman said the ministerial meeting now "recommends that member states establish relations" with Lisbon. Portugal will grant independence to its major colonies of Mozambique and Angola later this year.

The ministers solved one tricky problem by agreeing as scheduled to hold a heads of state meeting in Uganda. Some countries had objected to the venue because of the unsettled conditions in Uganda. The date of the meeting was put back by a couple of weeks and a preparatory ministerial meeting will now be held July 18-25 and the heads of state meeting July 28-August 2.

The meeting adopted a budget of $7.2m. for the year 1975-76.

Kaleriya Fedicheva is shown with her eight-month-old son, Ivan, at Frankfurt Airport. (UPI radiophoto)

Soviet ballerina in Rome for reunion with husband

ROME (UPI). — Soviet ballerina Kaleriya Fedicheva arrived in Rome with her eight-month-old son yesterday for the first reunion with her American husband since their marriage in Leningrad one year ago.

The husband, ballet dancer Martin Friedman of Baltimore, Md., was not at Leonardo da Vinci International Airport for her arrival. Miss Fedicheva said she expected to meet him soon.

"Besides being a performer, I am a mother and a wife, and like all women, I desire a tranquil life by the side of my husband and son," Miss Fedicheva told newsmen in English.

She said she planned to spend five days in Rome, and then go to the U.S., where she hoped to be able to dance.

The 37-year-old former prima ballerina at Leningrad's Kirov Company left the Soviet Union on a hard-won exit visa on Sunday and flew to Frankfurt, where she spent the night, before flying on to Rome.

Miss Fedicheva and Friedman first met when she went to Philadelphia for a performance in 1961. They were married in Leningrad on January 9, 1974.

Shortly after the marriage, the Kirov Company dropped her and her battle to leave Russia began.

"We had a few days' honeymoon at her dacha near Leningrad and I haven't seen her since," Friedman, under contract at the Dortmund Opera House, West Germany, said recently. When word came that his wife had received an exit visa, Friedman reportedly left for Rome to meet her.

Italian art thieves steal 28 paintings

MILAN. — Italy's art thieves switched from Renaissance to modern masters yesterday, foiling five safety systems and stealing 28 precious paintings from Milan's Modern Art Gallery.

The theft of the paintings, including works by Paul Gauguin, Vincent Van Gogh, Paul Cezanne and Auguste Renoir, came 11 days after the still unsolved theft of three Renaissance masterpieces in Urbino.

The number of art objects stolen from Italy's poorly guarded museums, churches and private collections has nearly doubled in two years, from 5,843 in 1972 to 10,952 last year.

"The Milan Gallery, where the theft was committed, was one of Italy's most important ones," former fine arts director general Bruno Molaioli said. "It has five security systems, which makes the thieves' daring even more inconceivable."

Police said the thieves entered the gallery — a neoclassical building where Napoleon once stayed and where Austrian Field Marshal Joseph Radetzky died in 1858 — through a first-floor window not covered by any alarm system. They mounted three flights of stairs, eluding watchmen who make the rounds of the building 10 times a night, and selected their loot from among dozens of paintings in the Carlo Grassi memorial collection.

"They were extremely fast and precise," police said. "They picked up the best works and disappeared without leaving any trace, except the broken window."

Art experts said the collection, donated by Mrs. Nedda Grassi in 1956 in memory of her son who died in the World War II battle of Alamein, was worth about $4.5m., but police put the value at $1.5m.

The thieves selected some of the most valuable items in the collection, including two paintings by 16th Century Flemish master Adrien Van Utrecht and 26 modern works. Among them were paintings by Camille Corot, Francois Millet, Giovanni Fattori, Telemaco Signorini and Giovanni Segantini as well as a Gauguin, a Van Gogh, a Cezanne and a Renoir.

The Italian Senate was expected to approve emergency legislation for the protection of Italian art works tomorrow and the Government planned to propose further measures as soon as possible.

(AP, UPI)

Operation to reop Mekong abandon

PHNOM PENH. — Government forces have completely evacuated all their positions on the lower Mekong River and temporarily abandoned their attempts to reopen the river, military sources said yesterday.

Last week the Government launched an amphibious operation on the lower Mekong, 65 kms. southeast of Phnom Penh, but Government troops suffered heavy casualties in heavy fighting and were evacuated by navy boats to Neak Luong town, the sources said.

The drive on the Mekong was seen by observers as "too little — too late." About 500 Government troops were involved.

A diplomat and military analyst said, "It will now be very difficult, if not impossible, for the government to open the Mekong River. They do not have the troops."

The Mekong River is vital to the survival of Phnom Penh. Currently the city is being resupplied by an emergency and temporary U.S. airlift.

Although the strategic military situation appears glum, the high command has been unable to rally the people's support ment and the war effo

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Croatian rebels senten

BELGRADE (UPI). — A group of 15 Croatian separatists were sentenced yesterday to jail terms ranging from 18 months to 13 years for planning a terror campaign to force the secession of the Croatian Republic from the Yugoslav Federation.

A court in Zadar, the coastal town where the group was headquartered, found that the group had made plans for the assassination of top Croatian leaders, hijackings, kidnappings and the bombing of military and civic installations.

The conspirators had with the Ustashi, the ex wing organization which as a puppet state for t World War II, and wh financial backing for group.

The three-month t closed doors was one of political trials over th months which diplomat intended as a warning to groups not to rock t boat.

Dr. Kenneth Edelin (right), the Boston doctor found manslaughter on Saturday for performing a legal abortion outside the courtroom with his attorney, William Homans, the trial. The lawyer said he would appeal the case to t Supreme Court. (AP ra

Ford to visit Europe, China later this year

LONDON — President Ford is planning a swing through some of Europe's key capitals this summer — either before or after the projected summit conference on European security takes place in Helsinki.

Allied diplomats, reporting this yesterday, stressed that no dates or other arrangements have yet been made for the Presidential tour. This is because 35-nation talks on a new security system for Europe are not complete. Once the Helsinki meeting is fixed, Ford will be able to respond to invitations from various European leaders.

Prime Minister Harold Wilson of Britain, West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt and Yugoslav President Tito are among the leaders who have asked Ford to visit their countries. The President has accepted all these invitations in principle, leaving dates and other arrangements to be worked out later.

Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, who arrived in London for talks with British leaders last night, was expected to discuss the possibility of a Ford visit in more precise terms. Wilson and his Foreign Secretary James Callaghan also flew into London from Moscow, where they discussed the Helsinki summit with Soviet leaders. The British, like the Americans, seem fairly confident that the Helsinki meeting will be organized for about July.

A major purpose of President Ford's projected trip to Europe would be to step up transatlantic cooperation in trade, energy and money matters. The Governments of Europe and the U.S. are pledged to work together in face of their serious economic difficulties.

The President also is expected to visit China in either October or November this year, taking up an invitation he has had for several months. As Republican Party leader in the House of Representatives, Ford visited China with a Congressional delegation in 1972 after former-President Richard Nixon's first trip. (AP, UPI)

Women politicians across Europe hail Mrs. Thatcher's election

By PETER MUCCINI

LONDON (AP). — The election of Margaret Thatcher as head of Britain's opposition Conservative Party has spread joy among Europe's women legislators and stirred new hope in their battle for equality with men.

In Britain, Mrs. Shirley Williams, Minister for Consumer Affairs and often spoken of as a potential leader of the governing Labour Party, said she was "pleased to see that in the Tory party, of all parties, a woman has broken through. This is a staggering thing for them."

Much of the hope and joy stems from the possibility that the 49-year-old Mrs. Thatcher could become Europe's first woman Prime Minister if the Conservative Party wins a national election in Britain.

In Italy, Ines Boffardi, a Christian Democrat lawmaker, said she was "very happy" at Mrs. Thatcher's success.

"It is not a question of being a feminist," she said. "But if a woman is the right person to fill a post she should be given it without prejudice. It is not so simple in Italy. Of course, there are women who could fill the post of secretary-general of the largest party — which is mine — but I doubt whether they would be welcome. There would never be enough votes for a woman."

Miss Boffardi, 55, has been in politics for 30 years but in parliament for only the past year. Of the 950 members of the Senate and the lower chamber, only 30 are women, 19 of them Communists.

Italy has never had a woman Cabinet Minister but in the current government of Prime Minister Aldo Moro there is one woman undersecretary in the Labour Ministry, Tina Anselmi, a Christian Democrat. In the last government there were two women undersecretaries.

In San Marino on Italy's eastern coast, considered to be the world's oldest and tiniest republic, Miss Clara Boscaglia made history last year when she became Public Works Minister, the first woman to hold such a post since the republic was set up in the 1500s.

But her mother Maria, 60, still thinks that Clara and Mrs. Thatcher would be better off as housewives. "I don't know anything about politics," said Maria. "It has always been beyond me. But I can see it is too much for woman to be always away from home."

In France, Francoise Giroud, Secretary of State for Women's Affairs, said: "It's a wonderful and funny success at the same time. I've got the impression that it has created panic amongst men but they are wrong. What I rejoice in is that Mrs. Thatcher is a Conservative elected by Conservatives. It shows that progress for women is not related to politics."

There are 15 women lawmakers in the French Parliament and the number has remained constant for the past few years. A recent poll by the rightist newspaper "L'Aurore" found that Mrs. Giroud and Mrs. Simone Veil, the Health Minister, were the two most popular members of President Valery Giscard D'Estaing's Cabinet, beating even Prime Minister Jacques Chirac.

In West Germany, a spokesman for the office of Annemarie Renger, President of the West German Bundestag, said Mrs. Thatcher's election created "great interest in the German government and among the public.

"Seen from the point of view of representation of women in political life, her election deserves special attention," the spokesman said.

There are 65 women members of the Bundestag, 6.8 per cent of the total as compared with 10 per cent in 1949.

In Norway, Eva Kolstad, who heads the Liberal Party and is a former Minister of Consumer Affairs, said. "Each time a woman gets such responsible positions it means a lot for a great number of other women who can then straighten their backs and know that they can also manage in superior and responsible positions."

There are 14 women in the Norwegian Parliament compared with 11 elected in the last administration five years ago. Three of the women are Ministers compared with four in the previous government.

In Denmark, Grethe Fenger, President of the Danish Women's Society, commented: "The election of Margaret Thatcher to head Britain's Tory Party is a moral boost for all women in Europe. I foresee a great psychological effect with a great number of women identifying themselves with Mrs. Thatcher, who overcame the widely-held view that a woman might be a good choice for a second-string political job but not logical for political leadership."

Women were once very much in the minority in Danish politics. But in the 1971 elections they boosted their share of the 179 seats in Parliament from 17 to 30. In the current Parliament there are 28 women Deputies and two of them are Ministers — for Education and Social Welfare.

Red Cross to continue search for missing GI's

GENEVA (Reuter). — The International Red Cross Committee (ICRC) has assured U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger that it will continue the search for 2,300 American servicemen in Indochina whose fate is still unknown, a State Department spokesman said yesterday.

The spokesman said ICRC executive president Roger Gallopin, who had a half-hour meeting with Dr. Kissinger yesterday had promised that the Red Cross Committee would continue to try to ascertain the fate of some 900 Americans still missing in action in Indochina and about 1,400 others listed as dead but whose bodies have not been recovered.

Mr. Gallopin also said that Dr. Kissinger had assured him that the U.S. will work to prevent politics interfering with the work of the Conference which is now meeting in Geneva to update the convention on the treatment of prisoners, wounded soldiers and civilians.

He did not say how politics had harmed the 138-nation conference, but its work has been heavily delayed by arguments over the Vietcong's Provisional Revolutionary Government, which has twice been denied admission.

Egyptian PM on visit to London

LONDON (Reuter). — The Egyptian Prime Minister, Abdel-Aziz Hegazi, arrived here yesterday on a private visit, but said he planned to have talks with Prime Minister Harold Wilson.

Dr. Hegazi's wife is to have a medical check in london and he decided to take the opportunity on a five-day visit to hold talks.

Bhutto takes control in Northwest area

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP). — Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto's government yesterday took over direct rule of the country's troubled Northwest Frontier Province, accusing neighbouring Afghanistan of fomenting subversive activities in the region.

"Since a foreign neighbouring force is actively involved in disrupting normal life in the province, there can hardly be any doubt that this is a situation beyond the power of the provincial government to control," a central government statement said.

Although not mentioned by name, Afghanistan was the obvious target of the accusation since it is the only country bordering the Northwest Frontier Province.

Afghanistan has refused to recognize the border with Pakistan and has supported a demand by militant Pushtu-speaking Pathan tribesmen in the provinc independent state of Pak to be carved out of Paki ritory.

Pakistan's opposition Awami Party, which a friendly posture toward Af was banned last week foll February 8 assassinatio Northwest Home Ministe Mohammed Khan Sherpao, Bhutto's strongman in the

Since the ban, about 3 leaders, including its chi Wali Khan, have been arr

The central government said the Governor, Maj. G Ghawas, would rule the on behalf of federal autho 90 days.

The province had been r April 1973 by a coalition Bhutto's People's Party, th League and some independ

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Turkey to close down U.S. bases

NEW YORK. — "Newsweek" magazine said yesterday that Turkey was planning to close some or all of the American bases in the country following the cutting of U.S. military aid.

Foreign Minister Melih Esenbel was quoted as telling the magazine in an interview that the closures would be on a graduated scale — and this was "no bluff."

Congress cut off military aid to Turkey two weeks ago because American arms were used in the Turkish invasion of Cyprus last July.

Mr. Esenbel said in the interview that U.S. aid was no favour to Turkey. "For $90m. — a paltry sum by present-day standards — the U.S. and Nato are getting one of the best security bargains in the world.

"Turkey controls the vital Dardanelles exit from the Black Sea and has permitted the installation of 20 American early-warning, listening and tracking stations," Mr. Esenbel continued, adding: "Either some of your Congressmen were not properly briefed or they have done something irresponsible that has jeopardized the defence posture of the entire Western Alliance."

Mr. Esenbel said Turkey will ask the U.S. aid mission to leave, but noted that his country has no plans to withdraw from Nato. He also said that Turkey was not yet thinking of signing a non-aggression pact with the Soviet Union.

(Reuter, UPI, AP)

Thousands of demonstrators file past the Turkish (left) and American (far right) embassies in Athens on Saturday in protest following the Turkish Cypriot declaration of autonomy on the island.

(AP radiophoto)

Greek Cypriots go to UN on separate Turkish state

NEW YORK. — Glafkos Clerides, Speaker of the Cypriot House of Representatives, here to speak at the Security Council, said an independent and separate state on Cyprus would be wrong and he will fight against it.

Clerides, Cypriot Foreign Minister John Christofides, Deputy Speaker Tassos Papadoupaolous and former foreign minister Spyros Kyprianou arrived Sunday for a week's visit. Clerides did not yet know when he and his group would appear before the Security Council.

However in Ankara, Turkish Foreign Minister Melih Esenbel said yesterday Greek plans to take the Cyprus issue to the UN would not weaken Turkish-Cypriots' resolve to set up their own federal state in the island. In a statement last night, Mr. Esenbel said the Turkish-Cypriots "do not need to get permission from other countries and no country has the right to interfere in their domestic affairs."

"Turkish-Cypriots will not change their decision because the Greeks are bringing the subject to the Security Council," he said.

(UPI, Reuter)

Women threaten not to play at Wimbledon

LONDON (AP). — Wimbledon officials said yesterday they will meet militant women's tennis leader Billie Jean King next week in a bid to forestall a threatened boycott.

Mrs. King, U.S. president of the Women's Tennis Association, was invited to lunch at the All England Club on February 26. The move followed a vote by the WTA in favour of boycotting this year's championship in June unless Wimbledon raised the prize money for women.

"We have agreed to Mrs. King's request for a meeting," said All England Club secretary Maj. David Mills. He said he expected she would lunch with Air Chief Marshal Sir Brian Burnett, the chairman of the championship committee.

Wimbledon officials have already stated categorically that the prize structure for this year's championship will not be changed. Women are scheduled to receive 70 per cent of the men's money in a record total of $261,300.

The WTA has said it would accept a climbing scale towards parity by 1978.

Wilson, Brezhnev, call for return to Geneva talks

MOSCOW (UPI). — Britain and the Soviet Union called yesterday for a summit meeting to wind up the European security conference and for the early resumption of the Geneva talks on the Middle East.

A joint communique said the four-day visit of British Prime Minister Harold Wilson marked "the opening of a new phase" in Anglo-Soviet relations.

Wilson and Communist party general secretary Leonid Brezhnev, in a Kremlin ceremony televised live, signed documents providing for regular political consultations and cooperation in trade, technology and public health. They also signed a declaration demanding urgent efforts to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons.

The communique said the talks were held "in a businesslike and friendly atmosphere and in a spirit of mutual respect."

Relations between the two countries were cool after Britain expelled more than 100 Soviet diplomats in 1971 on spying charges.

Wilson arrived last Thursday and his visit was marked by the reappearance of Brezhnev in public after 51 days in seclusion during which he was ill.

The Soviet Union has long urged a 35-nation summit meeting this year to climax the security conference and definitively establish the post-war frontiers of Europe.

The 14-page communique said the two sides "emphasized the important role which the conference on security and cooperation in Europe" was called on to play in establishing peace on the continent.

"The two sides... are convinced that premises exist for completing the work of the conference and for holding its third stage at the highest level i nthe near future," it said.

On the Middle East, the two sides expressed their "deep concern at the dangerous situation in the area" and called for a quick settlement based on U.N. resolutions.

"The two sides considered that the Geneva conference should play an important role in the establishment of a just and lasting peace in the Middle East and should resume its work at a very early date," the communique said.

Fleeing Eritrean prisoners reported slaughtered

ADDIS ABABA (UPI). — The government has started an investigation into the slaying of perhaps hundreds of Eritrean prisoners by paratroops last week shortly after they had staged a mass jail break, reports from the northern province said yesterday.

More than 700 Eritrean guerrillas, supporters and criminals escaped Friday from a police commando camp in Asmara and another 374 detainees staged a similar breakout at a camp at Adi Quala, south of Asmara.

According to fragmentary reports from residents and civil servants in Eritrea, elite paratroops chased the Asmara prisoners and cut off their retreat south of the city when they parachuted into the hills in front of the Eritreans.

The paratroops opened fire on the group, some of them still in chains, and according to these reports, killed or wounded most of the prisoners. The incident happened only 14 hours after the jail break.

Fearful of other repressions, hundreds of Eritreans in the capital of Addis Ababa have also sold their businesses and returned to Eriteria in recent weeks, diplomats said.

Military sources said the government airlifted more than 1,000 more troops — mainly part-time militia men — into Eritrea in the last couple of days, apparently in preparation for another major battle with the separatists.

The government now has more than 20,000 soldiers — at least half the army's strength — in Eritrea.

But guerrilla sources said they had also moved fresh fighters into the immediate vicinity of Asmara and were again preparing to isolate the city from the rest of the country by a tight encirclement.

Ethiopia asks U.S. for airlift of ammunition

ADDIS ABABA (AP). — Ethiopia's military government has asked the U.S. for an emergency airlift of ammunition to replace bullets fired against Eritrean guerrillas, reliable Ethiopian sources reported yesterday.

The sources, both inside and outside the Ethiopian government, said they expected the request to be referred to Secretary of State Henry Kissinger for a decision that could change the course of U.S. relations with Ethiopia.

Supplying the ammunition would indirectly put the U.S. in opposition to Syria, one of the leftist Arab countries that supplies the Eritrean rebels, and also one of the countries that Kissinger hopes eventually to bring into a peace agreement with Israel.

Refusal to fill the request might cause a break between the U.S. and Ethiopia, which under former Emperor Haile Selassie was a staunch ally of the U.S. and a West-leaning bastion against increasing Soviet and Chinese influence in northeastern Africa.

Rumours that the government was going to ask the U.S. for military supplies to be used against the Moslem and Marxist rebels in Eritrea, Ethiopia's northern province, have circulated for weeks in Addis Ababa.

The sources said the government offered last week to pay up to $30m. in cash for ammunition, including machinegun ammunition for the air force's American jets that have been strafing the Eritrean guerrillas and their villages, and submachine-gun and rifle bullets.

The U.S. government put its aid programme under review and in effect suspended it last November after the military council shot 60 former government leaders without trial, including the military chairman, Gen. Aman Andom.

Oman's ruling sultan overdrawn at bank

NEW YORK (Reuter). — The Sultanate of Oman is short of cash in spite of big oil revenues, and has been warned by bankers they might find it difficult to extend credit unless spending is curtailed — "The New York Times" reported yesterday.

The newspaper said in a front-page report from Muscat that the shortage was embarrassing for the Government, which had been earning almost $1,000m. a year to spend on fewer than one million people.

"No public comment has been made by the Government on the subject lately, nor by Sultan Qabus Ibn Said, an absolute monarch who serves as his own Finance Minister," it said.

"But highly placed supporters of the Sultan acknowledge that the Government is overdrawn at one bank by several million dollars, is having a cash flow problem and has been warned by some bankers that they might find it difficult to extend more credit unless the country mends its free-spending ways," the "Times" said.

The newspaper said the Sultan had no weaknesses more unseemly than a passion for collecting gramophone records. But he had sometimes been over-generous since he seized power from his father in 1970.

He had embarked on vast construction projects and was lately spending $500m. a year on the police and armed forces, the "Times" said, noting that some Government critics complain that this is too much to spend on a military establishment that is currently fighting nothing more than a band of several hundred Marxist-led rebels near the southern frontier.

The "Times" said total Government spending this year was expected to be between $1,200m. and $1,300m. with oil revenues standing at $1,200m.

Supply of coffee to be cut

SAN SALVADOR (UPI). — World coffee producers, ending a three-day meeting, said on Sunday they would withhold about 17.5 millions bags of coffee from global markets indefinitely, until coffee prices increase.

A proposal to institute an immediate and total coffee sales embargo around the world was shelved temporarily, at least until the next round of talks with consumer representatives in London early next month.

In a communique, the World Producers' Group said it was going to withhold indefinitely — "until our price objectives are reached" — 20 per cent of the exportable coffee production for the first three months of this year, along with 10 per cent of the exportable coffee reserves from the last three months of last year.

The original limit on withholding was to have expired on March 31, the producers said. Specific price objectives sought by the group were not disclosed.

Fausto Cantu Pena of Mexico, president of the World Producers' Group, released the communique to newsmen. He said these percentages add up to a total of 17.5 million 60-kilo sacks of exportable coffee.

Although the communique did not mention a possible global sales embargo — proposed by "hardline" African nations — Cantu Pena said: "We are going to go on considering a possible embargo in the future, if prices do not rise sufficiently."

He said the agreements reached represented the "consensus" of all 24 producers.

Vorster admits Liberia trip

CAPE TOWN (AP). — Prime Minister John Vorster yesterday confirmed he visited Liberia last week at the invitation of President William Tolbert.

The South African leader told Parliament in a special message he had been well received.

Vorster told Parliament: "This morning a report appeared in "The Times" of London that I and the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Dr. Hilgard Muller, accompanied by senior officials, visited Liberia last Tuesday and Wednesday. The report is correct.

"We had a long and fruitful discussion on all matters about which one can expect African leaders, particularly in these days, to discuss.

"I understand that a long account of the discussions has appeared in "The Times" of London. Our delegation was not responsible for that account. I have not yet had an opportunity to study the report and consequently I am unable to stand good for it."

Vorster said he will inform Parliament fully about the visit at a later date.

Vorster's confirmation of the secret visit to Liberia is the first time he has acknowledged travelling to West Africa. The South African leader reportedly visited the Ivory Coast last October but he has carefully refused to confirm or deny that trip took palce.

The "Johannesburg Star" reported yesterday that Vorster's visit to Liberia will be followed shortly by a meeting between Tolbert and President Felix Houphouet-Boigny of the Ivory Coast, which neighbours Liberia.

SCHMIDT TAKES SUDDENLY ILL

BONN (Reuter). — West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt has been taken suddenly ill with Pneumonia and has cancelled all official duties for the rest of the week, the official government spokesman announced here yesterday.

The 56-year-old Chancellor was said earlier to be suffering from a feverish cold but the official spokesman told a press conference that doctors had diagnosed pneumonia.

Schmidt looked perfectly fit to observers on Sunday when he met U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger in Bonn. The two men spent two hours discussing the Middle East and the world economic situation.

Malta seeks Arab petrodollars for joint industrial ventures

By JOE SCICLUNA

VALETTA. — MALTA IS INCREASINGLY turning to the Arabs, particularly to the oil-rich sheikdoms, hoping to attract some of their vast wealth into joint industrial ventures on the island.

There is hardly any Arab state which Prime Minister Dom Mintoff has not visited in the past year. He has been twice to Kuwait, Bahrain and Saudi Arabia and there were visits to Egypt, Lebanon, Syria and Morocco. In the first few days of this year he was away again to China but stopped on the way in Kuwait and Bahrain and added a new Arab country to his list — Iraq.

But his closest friend and ally remains Colonel Mua'mmer Gaddafi, President of Libya, whom he welcomed to Malta a few days after it became a Republic in December. Gaddafi became the first outsider to address Malta's House of Representatives in its richly tapestried chamber. He promised the Maltese that as "blood brothers" there was no bar to what help Libya could give Malta.

The Maltese driver, paying 60 pence a gallon for a standard brand of petrol, hoped that this might mean some relief was coming. Unhappily this has not been so. Nor, as Mintoff was to say shortly after the visit had ended, had agreement been reached with Libya on the median line on the Continental shelf.

Mintoff's tours of the Middle East, about which the Maltese public is told very little, have a double target — cheaper oil and Arab investment. The Prime Minister may have failed to obtain any preferential treatment with regard to oil, but he seems to be succeeding as far as investment goes.

In a recent broadcast, he said that efforts continue to induce Arab countries to invest in a $200 million shipyard he intends to build in the former Royal Air Force seaplane base at Kalafrana, which is a branch of the largest bay in Malta, Marsaxlokk.

Should the plan materialize it would not only be the biggest single project over envisaged in Malta but it could well be one of the largest shipyards in the Mediterranean. Its realisation hinges almost entirely on Arab investment, unless Mintoff intends to bring China in as well. The Chinese are already building a graving dock which would be capable of taking ships of 300,000 tons.

It also depends on the new yard obtaining orders for six or seven large tankers. Libya, said Mintoff, has already said it would order three. The Prime Minister promptly went in search of orders for the other four.

He went to Kuwait and the news came out that it was to participate in the dock scheme. The Kuwaiti Minister for Finance and Oil, Abdel-Rahman Al-Apqi, described the plan as "this important project". What share Kuwait intends to take and whether it will order tankers for the yard to build when it is completed, still remains unsaid.

The rest of the investment for the yard is expected to come from Saudi Arabia and, possibly, from other countries in the Persian Gulf.

Mintoff has already been criticized in Malta for putting all his eggs in one basket — shipbuilding. For in addition to the Kalafrana yard, he intends to convert a backwater creek in Grand Harbour into another yard for medium-sized ships. The Government will finance this project. The criticism comes because at this particular time orders for large tankers are few and the ultra big tanker seems to have fallen out of favour. Moreover, Malta is expected to rely heavily on shipping passing through the Suez Canal for its original dockyard — Malta Drydocks.

The Prime Minister is hoping to interest the Arabs in other things too. He needs their money for industrial projects and their markets for Maltese-manufactured goods. At the end of a two-day visit to Baghdad he announced that an Iraqi trade delegation would visit Malta "to promote trade between the two governments and the establishment of new joint ventures."

During Gaddafi's visit it was agreed to set up a joint company aimed at establishing and developing projects in Malta and the Libyan Arab Republic. Libya also agreed on investment schemes of industrial and touristic nature to be carried out in Malta "in order to help promote the economy of the island."

Such is the pattern of Mintoff's thinking. He did not make much headway with the European Common Market in his bid to obtain better conditions on an existing tariff agreement, so he has turned to where the money is. His friendship with Gaddafi appears to be bearing fruit both as regards Libya itself and the other Arab countries. Libyan interests already own half the shares of a leading hotel and are partners in one of two industrial projects. The way now appears to be open for more and more Arab participation.

What many Maltese hope is that this relationship stops there. Gaddafi had already offered union to Malta and was politely told that the time was not ripe. For however welcome Arab investment is, the Maltese are Europeans and have no desire to be drawn further into the Arab world.

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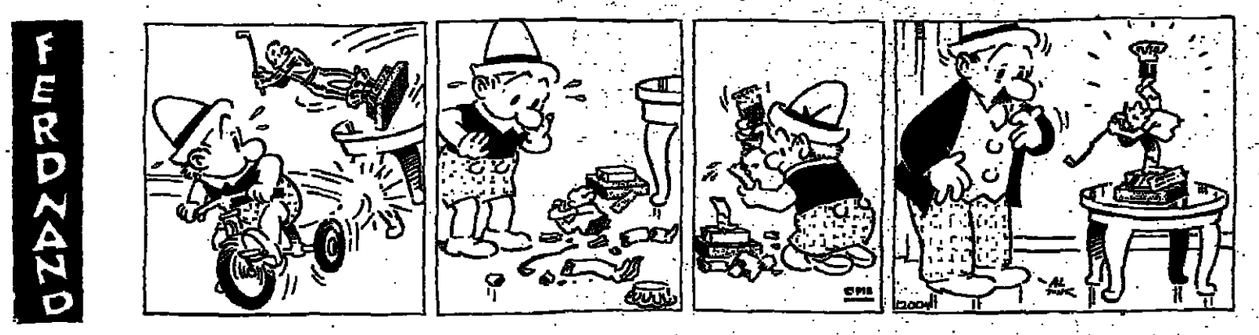

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FIRST PROGRAMME
256, 522 and 221 M.

7.58 Opening. 8.10 "Musical Delicacies" — Schultz-Euler: Arabesques on "The Blue Danube" (Cherkassky); Haydn: Piano Sonata in F minor (Ch. Rosen); Schumann: Phantasie-Stuecke (Arrau); Chopin: Polonaise-Fantasie, op. 61 (Roland Smith). 9.05 An Hour with Violinist Alexander Schneider. 10.05 Meeting composer Paul Ben-Haim (repeat). 11.00 News in easy Hebrew. 11.05 Ivrit La'am. 11.15 Programme for Elementary Schools. 11.35 Song and Melody. 12.15 Programme for Elementary Schools. 12.35 Choirs. 1.05 Midday Concert — Mendelssohn: Organ Sonata in A; Schumann: Adagio & Allegro for Horn & Piano; Britten: "The Poet's Echo" *(Vishnevskaya-Rostropovich)*; Stravinsky: Capriccio for Piano & Orch. 2.10 Mother and Child. 3.05 "Radiodea — Improving your Knowledge." 3.30 Literature — Questions and Answers. 3.50 The Halacha. 4.10 A Moment of Hebrew. 4.11 "Tunes for Tweens" — "Kinor haya l'David". 5.10 "Jazz." 5.50 "Enigma." 6.05 "People and Figures." 6.55 For the Farmer. 7.05 "Today." 7.25 Light Music. 7.50 Bible Reading, Yirmiyahu, chaps 51 and 52. 8.05 Radio Chess Competition. 8.07 World of Science. 8.30 (Stereo) — Jer. Symph. Orch. — Mendi Rodan — Bela Bartok: Divertimento for Strings; Piano Concerto No. 3 (Allan Sternfield); Four Folksongs; Dance Suite. 11.05 "The Interview of the *Month.*" 12.10 A Moment of Poetry. 12.13 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME
487, 428, 256, 248, 355 and 340 M.

5.55 a.m. Opening. 6.00 Religious Service. 6.10 Exercises. 6.20 Musical Clock. 6.55 Programme Announcements. 6.59 A Moment of Hebrew. 7.05 "This Morning." 7.35 Hebrew Songs. 7.55 "Green Light." 8.05 Announcements. 8.10 Good Moring. 8.55 "Names and Events in the Headlines." 9.05 "Good Morning" (cont.) 10.05 "Here at Home." 11.40 Where to go and light music. 12.05 Programme for the Worker and the Employer. 12.30 Hebrew Songs.
1.05 p.m. "At Midday." 2.10 "Al Galav Yavi" — new records and recordings. 3.05 Requests — Oriental Songs. 3.52 "Names and Events in the Jewish Scene." 4.10 A Moment of Hebrew. 4.11 Spanish and Latin American Songs. 4.30 S. Rosen's Quiz. 4.35 Spanish and Latin American Songs (cont.). 5.10 "It Makes Me Laugh." 5.05 "*Songs on One* Theme." 6.45 Today's sport. 6.55 Announcements. 9.05 "It's Close to My Heart." 10.05 Public Opinion." 11.05 "I'm Yours and You are Mine." 1.05 Close Down.

ISRAEL TELEVISION SE
5.30 News. 5.32 Service Broa Science Series. 6.10 "I've Got Songs. 8.00 Morasha. 8.30 "Kojak." 9.50 Moked. 10.40 N
Educational: 7.50 English 10. and Guidance 8. 9.05 Maths 7 prove Your Hebrew." 10.00 10.20 English 6. 10 Kindergarteners. 11.05 Engli Art. 12.00 English 9. 12.20 Eng Technology 9. 4.00 English 9. 4.31 French. 4.52 Physics.
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FIFTH PROGRAMM
445 M.

6.55 p.m. Opening. 7.00 News. 7 Melody. 8.05 Song and Melody.

IMMIGRANTS' HOU
7.00 p.m. News in easy Hebrew. 7.15 Georgian. 7.30 Yiddish. 8.00 Mograbi. 8.30 Rumanian. 8.45 Close Down.

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6.00 p.m. (4th programme);
8.30-8.45 (4th programme);
10.00-10.55 p.m. (short waves).

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6.00 p.m. (4th programme);
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12.00-1.00 a.m. (short waves).
4th Programme — 407, 445 and Short Waves — 16, 19, 25, 31, 33,

GALEI ZAHAL
234, 236 and 220 M.

5.58 Morning Prayer. 6.05 Mo 7.55 Programme Trailer. 8.05 S street. 9.05 Requests. 9.55 W Donewitz. 10.05 Warm and Tast and My Songs." 10.45 Warm an Uri Sela's Corner. 11.05 Warm 11.55 Yosef Lapid's Corner. 12 Star."
12.55 "It Reminds Me." 1.05 *Gaon's programme.* 1.55 nouncements. 2.05 "Two till F Gila Almagor. 4.05 Please Call. Newsreel. 5.40 Tunes for Eve Programme Trailer. 6.05 "A Conference." 7.05 Art and E Magazine. 9.05 "By Request." "Let's Talk" — with Nathan D Midnight Talk. 12.05 Zahal's Ne "Night Birds." 2.05 Light Mu Tunes in the Night.

CINEMAS

JERUSALEM
4, 7 & 9

ARNON: *The Martyr;* ***CHEN:*** The Seduction; **EDEN:** The Stacey; **EDISON:** "Ayri Dangalar; **HABIRAH:** Les Petroleuses; **JERUSALEM:** The Last Picture Show, 7 & 9.15 **MITCHELL:** The Doberman Gang, 7 & 9, Wed. at 4; **OREGL:** The Last Tango in Zargarol; **ORION:** Verdict; **OFNA:** The Odessa File; **RON:** Le Complot; **SEMADAR:** Gone with the Wind, 8.

TEL AVIV
4.30, 7.15 & 9.30

ALLENBY: The Parallax View; **BEN YEHUDA:** Freebie and the Bean; **CINEMA ONE:** The Taking of Pelham One Two Three; **CINEMA TWO:** A Streetcar named Desire, 11.30, 1.45, 4, 6, 8.15 and 10.15; **CINERAMA:** The Truth and the False, 7.15 and 9.30; **ESTHER:** Vincent, Francois, Paul... and the Others; **DEKEL:** Soylent Green, 7.30 & 9.30; **PARIS:** L'Amour d'apres midi, 10, 12, 2, 4, 7.15 & 9.30; ***CHEN:*** *The Internecine Project,* **DRIVE-IN:** Blazing Saddles at 7, The List of Adrian Messenger at 9.30; **GAT:** Crazy Sex; **GORDON:** The Martyr; **HOD:** Borsalino and Company; **ORLY:** A Warm December; **PEER:** Jeremy; **RAMAT AVIV:** 3 into 2 won't go; The Sting; **OPHIR:** Airport 1975; **MOGRABI:** The Odessa File, 4.30, 7 & 9.30; **MAXIM:** The Klansman; **TCHELET:** Tattowierung; **ZAFON:** Les Violins du bal; **STUDIO:** Murder on the Orient Express, 4.30, 7 & 9.30; **TEL AVIV:** The Sound of Music, 5 & 8.30; **LIMOR:** Quest for Love.

HERZLIYA

TIFERET: Inside Job, 7 & 9; **DAVID:** Deux Hommes dans la ville, 7 & 9.15.

RAMAT GAN

ARMON: Walking Tall, 7.15 & 9.30; **HADAR:** Death Wish, 4.30, 7.15 & 9.30; **LILI:** For Pete's Sake; **ORDEA:** Cat and Mouse; **RAMA:** Romance, 7.15 & 9.30; **OASIS:** Barcelona Kill, 7.15 & 9.30, Wizard of Oz at 4; **RAMAT GAN:** 99 % Dead.

PETAH TIKVA

SHALOM: God Forgives I don't, 3.30, 7 & 9.

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ESTHER: Swedish Fly Girls, 7 & 9.15.

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AMPHITHEATRE: The Seven Ups; **ARMON:** Airport 1975; **ATZMON:** *Death Wish;* ***BEIT ROTHSCHILD:*** *Sun. at 10* Ludwig, Mon. at midnight Death in Venice, Tue. at 10 Birth of a Nation, Wed. at 10 The Stranger, Thu. at midnight Rocco and his brothers; **CHEN:** My name is Nobody; **MIRON:** From Hell to battle; **OREDAN:** Generation; **MORIAH:** Lady Caroline Lamb; **OBAH:** Murder on the Orient Express, 4, 6.45 & 9.15; **ORION:** Violent Passions; **ORLY:** American Graffiti, 6.45 & 9; **PEER:** Walking Tall; **RON:** The Odessa File; **SHAVIT:** Sleuth, 6.45 & 9.

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Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The market opened with demand dominating both stocks and bonds, but profit-taking soon became evident. Bonds thus ended on the decline. Stocks, which showed a decline soon after the opening, recovered a little in the variables.

The total volume of stocks was IL3,056,200, of which IL1,245,300 was in the variables. Volume of bonds was IL9,500,000.

Bank Leumi declined half a point, closing at 248, with volume at 130,000. IDB, unchanged at 195, had a turnover of 174,000. Hachsharat Hayishuv fell 1.5 to 113, with volume at 84,000. Delek (r), unchanged, had a turnover of 60,000. Paper Mills rose three points to 288, but volume was only 39,000. Discount Invest. (r) rose 2.5 to 170, on a volume of 71,000.

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Wolfson IL10	b	79.5	78
Azpa	r	112	110
Discount Bank	b	170	167.5
United Mizrahi	b	154.5	153.5
Bank Leumi	r	200	198
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The way to VAT

By MOSHE ATER
Jerusalem Post Economic Editor

THE WAY to VAT bristles with difficulties. There is first and foremost a misunderstanding about its objective. It is widely regarded — by both its supporters and opponents — as just a convenient means for raising revenue. This is the view propagated by official spokesmen, who doubtless reflect the government's approach to the issue.

VAT must be imposed — we are told — because the State needs more money, and the existing taxes do not yield enough.

Three years ago the revenue potential of a 10 per cent VAT was estimated at IL3b., of which IL820m. was expected to be required for the tax collection. The tax's current potential at that rate could be put at about IL5.5b. gross and, say, IL4.5b. net. Even if the tax is levied only in the second half of the next fiscal year, it could plug a substantial part of the envisaged budgetary deficit.

BOOSTING INFLATION

The delusion of that approach becomes visible, however, once one asks from where the additional revenue is to come. Though the VAT is collected from business firms, it is expected to be passed on to consumers. A 10 per cent tax must thefore bring in its wake a rise in price levels and the cost of living. Should even pensioners, welfare cases, and large families, be compensated for that rise (at a cost of, say, IL500m.), that will not obviate the demand for another hike in the c.o.l. allowance, further boosting inflation and the government's deficit, and thus defeating the VAT's very purpose.

To be sure, official spokesman try to persuade the trade unions to forgo c.o.l. increments caused by fiscal measures. But for the time being no headway has been achieved in this respect. And next June the fate of the c.o.l. increment due on account of last November's subsidy cuts will have to be decided first. It is therefore unlikely that the Histadrut will be ready to compound its retreat by a commitment to accept the VAT hands down.

If it is at long last intended to introduce an austerity regime in earnest, the people ought to have been told that in as many words. And many more steps should have been taken other than the imposition of VAT. Since this has not been done, one may presume that at best VAT will be imposed in order to offset the inpour of purchasing power due to the next c.o.l. increment (following the precedents of emergency steps taken in February, May, and November 1974). The basic issue will thus be shelved to the next round, i.e., nothing will be achieved for the time being.

The VAT must be introduced nevertheless because its real purpose is not to squeeze out more revenue, but to recast our tax structure, making it more equitable and more efficient, and thus paving the way to better economic performance, and raising more revenue in the future. It should therefore be introduced even if most — or all — of the resulting revenue increment is cancelled by abolition of other taxes, so that the Treasury gains nothing for the time being, and the people's aggregate purchasing power is not reduced. This has indeed been the procedure adopted when VAT was introduced in other countries. It is the more advisable in Israel, on account of the greater urgency to carry out a tax reform here. Only such an approach can sway public opinion to agree to a freeze of the c.o.l. allowance, and to disarm VAT opponents, who are more deeply entrenched than many people are aware of. While VAT is vital as part of a comprehensive fiscal reform, it is unlikely to succeed without it.

The link between VAT and tax reductions is imperative not only in order to buy the trade unions' acquiescence, but also in order to prevent tax evasion. The VAT's major administrative advantage lies in its general application and uniformity, which make possible detailed cross-reference of the tax-payers' statements, and greatly hinder attempts to conceal taxable earnings. Moreover, because the rate of VAT is — as a rule — fairly modest, the urge to evade it is also relatively small.

IMPROPER MEANS

In this country, however, the situation is likely to be different because VAT records will provide the tax authorities with the data required for proper income tax assessments. Firms and independent tradesmen used to slipping — wholly or partially — through the tax net will therefore be tempted to try as best they can to keep clear also of VAT, or to reduce their tax liability, even by improper means.

The temptation will be the greater because the VAT administration is based in the main on paper work, with a minimum of physical checks of inventories. Just as the urge to escape the harsh income tax is the main reason for offences against foreign currency control, so is it likely also to undermine the VAT morale. The imposition of the new tax must therefore be accompanied by a dramatic cut in income tax rates, leading to a changed public attitude to tax avoidance and tax evasion.

One has to bear in mind that for all the consistency of the VAT system, it is not all-inclusive. Its records are confined to inter-firm transactions, and do not cover either incomes of non-trading individuals (in particular of wage-earners) or spending of final consumers. It therefore leaves a wide unrecorded sector, which is not subject to VAT because it is deemed to be engaged in consumption, and to contribute next to nothing to the national product.

TAX EVASION

In some countries artisans, shopkeepers, peasants, even small businesses, are left out of VAT (though they may be subject to a turnover or a sales tax) in order to simplify the tax administration. However, the legal functioning of an unrecorded and untaxed (or little taxed) sector along with one subject to VAT provides easy loopholes for tax evasion. This is the more so if small enterprises and family firms carry considerable weight, and the general tax morale is low, as is the case in this country. Fake tax receipts (entitling to refunds) may considerably reduce the effective VAT revenue. Or VAT revenue may be inflated at the expense of income tax thus also eroding the total tax revenue. The situation is likely to be further complicated if VAT is not applied to the administered territories.

Moreover, VAT is not only a system for collection of revenue. It also functions as a potent export incentive (because the tax is not levied on export proceeds, though exporters are reimbursed for the tax included in their respective costs) and as an encouragement for investments (because an investor gets recompensed for the tax element included in his capital outlay long before he is taxed for the sales increment resulting from the expanded premises or the added equipment). However, in Israel we already have elaborate laws and institutions operating in these fields. Unless care is taken to dovetail and streamline the respective policies, we may be heading towards another bureaucratic mess.

Last, not least: VAT cannot be expected to function properly if a few months before it is due to be enforced most people are uninformed about its basic principles; most of its practical problems of its administration (e.g. the scope of firms included in it, the operation of tax credits, the treatment of capital goods and of rental payments, the regulations required for the transitory period) are not even discussed; and the idea of a general, uniform tax rate is still widely deplored as a retreat from progressive tenets. The government has been brave enough to decide that VAT should be introduced in this country. But it should pluck up its courage to prevent its eventual failure.

(This is the last of three articles. Previous articles appeared on Feb. 13 and 17.)

Suspicions grow that world oil shortage is just a hoax

By LEROY POPE

NEW YORK (UPI). — The suspicion is growing among some economists that the global oil shortage is a hoax.

No one doubts the world could run out of petroleum eventually and no one doubts alternative sources of energy need to be found. But the dire predictions a year ago that the Western world would run out of oil by 1985 no longer spread panic.

The suspicion that the oil crisis is phony is not exactly new. Last May, M.A. Adelman, an economist at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, took Secretary of State Henry Kissinger to task for saying global oil prices had risen "because of a surge of demand against inelastic supply."

Adelman said the truth is that there is an "enormous supply of elasticity at a cost, at most, one-fortieth of the current price." High prices, he said were brought about almost entirely by the determination of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries to create a monopoly, and he accused Western governments and international oil companies of timidity in resisting the monopoly.

Recently Adelman told a Congressional committee that the United States should call the hand of the OPEC cartel by fixing a limit on how much petroleum America was willing to import and then ask for sealed bids on a competitive basis.

"To limit and eventually to destroy the cartel," he said, "We must promote competition."

There also are more optimistic estimates of future oil supplies. Harvard economist Hendrik Houthakker believes world crude supplies are rising sharply and prices are bound to fall.

The four-fold increase in the price of OPEC oil late in 1973, he said, led to a huge burst of exploration and new oil finds, adding 87.8b. barrels to the world's known oil reserves in 1974.

The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development recently reported that OECD nations, many of them now heavily dependent on imported oil, could be 80 per cent self-sufficient in petroleum by 1985.

The hottest area for new exploration is in the North Sea, where 10 major strikes have been made in the last five years. But exploration in this oil-rich area is slowed by difficult drilling conditions caused by cold weather and rough seas.

While exploration has increased, consumption has declined. Chase Manhattan Bank economists reported U.S. demand for all petroleum products in 1974 averaged 16.7 million barrels per day, 3.9 per cent less than in 1973.

Those who say the oil shortage is a hoax, base their charges partly on the findings of a two-year study of the oil lobby in Washington by a Senate subcommittee.

The committee recommended that Congress consider legislation to curb the power of international oil companies to negotiate long-term price and supply arrangments with foreign oil exporting nations.

The committee also recommended that President Ford compel these companies to slash their imports and oppose new domestic tax concessions to offset foreign taxes on their international operations.

The committee concluded the lesson of the oil crisis was that control of the oil supply should not be left to private corporations.

Wall Street was closed yesterday, in common with all U.S. banks, stock exchanges and commodity markets, in celebration of George Washington's birthday.

Defence orders stimulate metals industry

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Diversified Israeli metals industries are on the verge of making substantial inroads into international markets for sophisticated metalworking products and equipment.

The scope of Israel's advanced potential in metals and allied fields will be demonstrated to overseas industrialists, buyers and investors at the Third Metal Industries Week, October 5-10, in Tel Aviv. More than 200 major Israeli manufacturers in nine categories of metal industries will be represented at the event, called ISMETAL '75.

These companies, according to industry spokesmen, are geared to export a wide range of equipment and products for industrial and consumer markets. At the same time they represent a considerable market for capital equipment and tooling, in line with plans for a $850m. investment in the expansion of metals production here in the coming five years.

Industrial branches to be represented at the ISMETAL '75 will include: Metalworking — machining tools and systems; Industrial equipment — central systems, materials and components; Appliances and household products; Automotive parts—accessories, containers, trailers; Materials handling equipment; Agricultural equipment and accessories, including irrigation parts and systems; Aircraft and military equipment; jobbing and subcontracting.

Metals Week will provide the opportunity for overseas specialists in these branches to meet with Israeli industrialists and government officials and explore know-how, marketing and licensing agreements; investments, joint ventures, R and D arrangements, as well as the purchase and/or sale of products, equipment; Jobbing and subcontract-

The dynamic growth of a modern metalworking undustry in Israel in recent years has been stimulated by intense pressure from Israel's defence department for expanding and refining local production and R and D. Enormous strides in metals and supporting industries here, resulting from the experience of essential defence-oriented production, are reflected in significant capacity today for extensive manufactures and exports in a variety of non-military product and equipment fields.

Total turnover of Israel's metal working production reached $1,900m. in 1974 compared to $570m. in 1970, and industry leaders are confident that this growth pace will be exceeded in the coming five years. The number of employees in metals production grew from 30,000 in 1970 to 90,000 in 1974.

Israeli exports in the metals field reached $154m. in 1974 compared to $56.5m. in 1970.

MUSIC

Overdose of romanticism

CELLIST Simha Heled, with Yonathan Zak at the piano, presented an unusual programme at the Jerusalem Khan last Sunday (February 16): Chopin's "Introduction and Polonaise," opus 3 (1929-1830). Mendelssohn's Sonata No. 2, in D, opus 58 (about 1840); Faure's "Elegy," opus 24 (1883), and the Second Sonata by Brahms, opus 99 (1886). As all four composers were proficient pianists, some even brilliant ones, the keyboard parts are predominant in the works though, of course, not to the detriment of the cello. It was, therefore, more of a joint recital, and the Heled-Zak partnership was based on terms of equality.

The choice of four works all from the romantic schools of the 19th century deprived the programme of contrasts, and furthermore, the two artists showed a rather restrained attitude to the emotional aspects. This underplaying of emotional content made for a certain uninspiring uniformity of performance. However, the sincere and dedicated performance of both artists saved the occasion, a better balanced programme based on stylistic contrasts would have brought out the best in the artists and completely satisfied the audience. With the exception of the Brahms Sonata, all the works are rather mediocre in quality — the Sonata by Mendelssohn is particularly superficial and empty. Yonathan Zak, however, employed his smooth, accomplished and true musical qualities to the best advantage, and Simha Heled demonstrated convincingly that his artistry is becoming increasingly mature and impressively attractive.

The Bach encore, performed with romantic expression, showed off the attractiveness of the clear, clean language of the Baroque, and brought the disadvantages of an all-romantic programme into even stronger relief.

They called it 'jass'

"WHAT IS JASS?" Under this title Fred Kaufman of the Rubin Academy in Jerusalem presented a programme at the U.S. Cultural Centre (Saturday, February 15), on what most people call jazz. The promise of "media and atmosphere" was fulfilled by film, tapes, videotapes, even live performances interspersed with the lively delivery of the lecturer.

Kaufman's efforts were a real *tour de force*. Half town-crier, half seller of patent medicine (intentionally, I imagine), Kaufman presented his enthralled audience with a wealth of information in a most entertaining manner. Tracing the birth of jass in the funeral music of the South, Kaufman reviewed the main stages of its metamorphosis from all-black music to mixed and white jazz (the new spelling came by mistake). He explained the medium in relation to the social background of American society (though this part was rather superficially touched upon). To keep within an acceptable time-limit, he had, of course, to be selective in his choice of material — my favourite, Dave Brubeck, did not get a single mention.

But the unsophisticated fans of jazz probably learned a great deal and everyone enjoyed the programme thoroughly. The technical execution and perfect timing of the media presented were admirable. (This programme will go to Tel Aviv, Haifa and Beersheba and readers are advised not to miss it.)

SPORTS ABROAD — BERNIE BERNIKER

New women's record set for the mile

FRANCIE LARRIEU set her second world indoor best in two days on Saturday night when she raced the mile in 4:29.0 in the San Diego indoor games, the fastest mile — indoor or outdoor — ever run by a woman.

Miss Larrieu, a student at UCLA, broke her own indoor mark of 4:34.6 set at this meet last year.

Miss Larrieu established a 1,500 meter mark of 4:10.4 in Toronto on Friday night. She was timed in 4:09.9 for 1,500 metres during the mile run on Saturday.

Miss Larrieu ran the first quarter in 64.1, the half mile in 2:11.5, 3/4 mile in 3:19.8.

Steve Prefontaine of the Oregon Track Club breezed through the two-mile with an 8:24.4 win. Don Quarrie won the 60-yard dash in 5.9 equalling the best indoor time this year.

In the Toronto meet on Friday night, Annelie Ehrhardt of East Germany, running in her first indoor meet in North America, set a world record of 6.3 seconds in the women's 50-yard hurdles in a qualifying heat and lowered her own new record by a tenth of a second in the final.

In other events in Toronto, John Walker of New Zealand won the mile in 3:58, breaking the meet record. Danny Smith of the U.S. matched his world record, winning the 50-yard hurdles in 5.8.

BASKETBALL

SEATTLE SUPERSONICS' coach Bill Russell, elected to the National Basketball Hall of Fame, said he will refuse the honour. Hall of Fame officials exprassed shock at the stand of the former Boston Celtics' star. Russell, who was recognized as the premier defensive player in basketball history during his career with the Celtics, was named to the Hall of Fame in his first year of eligibility. He has refused to talk about his decision. Observers speculate Russell refused the honour because he was the first black man to be named to the Hall. He was also the first black to be named a coach in the NBA when he was given the position with the Celtics in 1967.

NBA Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic Division				
Boston	39	16	.709	—
Buffalo	36	20	.643	3 ½
New York	27	28	.491	12
Philadelphia	24	33	.421	16
Central Division				
Washington	39	16	.709	—
Houston	29	28	.509	11
Cleveland	28	27	.509	11
Atlanta	23	36	.390	18
New Orleans	8	45	.151	30
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
Chicago	33	22	.600	—
Detroit	32	27	.542	3
KC-Omaha	30	27	.536	4
Milwaukee	26	28	.481	6 ½
Pacific Division				
Golden State	33	22	.593	—
Seattle	26	30	.464	7
Phoenix	24	28	.462	7
Portland	23	32	.418	9 ½
Los Angeles	20	34	.370	12

NBA Scoring

	FG	FT	Pts.	Avg.
McAdoo, Buff	699	419	1817	33.6
Barry, GS	717	311	1745	32.9
Abdul-Jabbar, Mil	448	200	1096	30.4
Scott, Phoenix	514	135	1213	25.8
Lanier, Detroit	557	262	1376	25.0
Archibald, KC-Om	460	443	1363	24.3
Haywood, Seattle	389	206	984	22.4
Goodrich, LA	382	205	966	23.5
F. Brown, Seattle	534	176	1224	22.3
Frazier, New York	440	217	1097	21.9

ABA Standings

Eastern Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	40	14	.741	—
Kentucky	40	14	.741	—
St. Louis	22	36	.379	20
Memphis	16	39	.291	24 ½
Virginia	12	44	.214	29
Western Division				
Denver	44	14	.759	—
San Antonio	37	25	.597	9
Indiana	26	28	.481	16
Utah	25	32	.439	18 ½
San Diego	21	37	.362	23

	FG	FT	Pts.	Avg.
McGinnis, Indiana	549	367	1676	29.7
Erving, New York	333	316	1445	26.8
Grant, San Diego	508	157	1175	26.7
Boone, Utah	539	240	1348	24.5
Gervin, San Ant.	549	289	1397	23.9
Lewis, St. Louis	383	268	1035	22.1
Barnes, St. Louis	469	161	1099	22.0
Gilmore, Kentucky	458	234	1150	21.7
Simpson, Denver	495	218	1208	21.1
Calvin, Denver	328	353	1015	20.7

BASEBALL

BILLY HERMAN, Earl Averill and Bucky Harris were elected to Baseball's Hall of Fame by the veterans committee.

They joined home-run slugger Ralph Kiner, elected by the Baseball Writers Association of America recently, and will be inducted in ceremonies at Cooperstown, New York, August 18.

Warren Giles, chairman of the board of the Hall of Fame and former president of the National League, announced the elections by the committee, which judges players who have been out of the game 25 years or more.

BOXING

JOE FRAZIER and Jimmy Ellis, two former heavyweight champions, have signed for a scheduled 12-round bout in Melbourne, Australia, on Sunday, March 2.

The 31-year-old Frazier, who lost his title on January 22, 1973 to George Foreman in Kingston, Jamaica, will receive a $250,000 guarantee, while the 35-year-old Ellis from Louisville, Kentucky will earn at least $75,000.

The fight is scheduled for the 52,000-seat St. Kilda Junction Oval in Melbourne and is the first major heavyweight fight down under since Jack Johnson won the title from Tommy Burns in Sydney on December 26, 1908.

Frazier beat Ellis on February 16, 1970, for the undisputed heavyweight title. At the time, Frazier was the World Boxing Association champion.

Frazier, who has been fighting professionally since 1965, has a record of 31 victories—26 by knockout —and two defeats. His only losses were to Foreman and Ali in 1974. Ellis, fighting since 1961, has won 39, 23 by knockout, lost 11 and fought one draw.

TENNIS

SWEDEN'S Bjorn Borg defeated Arthur Ashe of Miami, Fla. for the second time in two weeks to win the $60,000 Bologna world championship tennis tournament in Bologna, Italy.

The long-haired 19-year-old Swede downed Ashe 7-6, 4-6, 7-6 in the singles finals.

Borg, second-seeded below Ashe, took $12,000 for his upset victory. He had won five of his eight previous meetings with the American and had advanced to the finals here without dropping a set. Ashe, 13 years Borg's senior, dropped one.

Methodical Margaret Court, using a powerful overhead volley and deep baseline shots, overcame youthful Martina Navratilova in the third and fnal set on Saturday to win the $75,000 women's tennis championship in Chicago, Ill.

The stately Mrs. Court, who recently returned to the circuit after having her second child, won 6-3, 3-6, 6-2. Her 18-year-old Czechoslovakian opponent who had beaten Mrs. Court a month ago in the Australian Open consistently lost her cool, throwing her racket and kicking the ball in frustration.

Miss Navratilova had upset top-seeded Chris Evert on Friday.

In the doubles finals, Mrs. Court's magic fell apart as she and Russian-born Olga Morozova were defeated in straight sets, 6-2, 7-6, by Miss Navratilova and Chris Evert.

Rumanian soccer team delays visit

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Rumanian soccer champions, Dynamo Bucharest, have called off this week's visit to Israel because of a flu epidimic in Rumania.

The Rumanians suggested to the Israel Football Association that their tour be postponed for one month. They were due to play three games in Israel, the first against the National League side on Wednesday.

Tourism from South America increasing

KUWAIT (Reuter). — The Arab Cities' Organization will boycott a conference of the World Cities' Organization in Italy next April because Mayor Teddy Kollek of Jerusalem has been invited, it was announced here on Sunday.

The chairman of the Arab organization, Kuwait's Education Minister Jassim al-Marzouk, said the invitation ignored decisions taken by the United Nations, Unesco and other meetings of the International Cities' Organization, which had condemned Israel for changing the face of Arab Jerusalem and deporting its mayor (Rouhi el-Khatib, mayor of Jordanian-occupied Jerusalem before the Six Day War).

Arabs boycott parley since Teddy's invited

In the light of last year's reduced volume of tourists from Europe and the U.S.A., tourism from South America has assumed additional importance. In previous years, tourism from South America has only contributed a very small percentage of the total but it now accounts for an important and increasing share of incoming tourism.

Varig, the Brazilian airlines, in cooperation with Ophir Tours, one of Israel's largest tourist agencies, recently launched a broadly-based publicity programme in South America to encourage tourism to Israel. Initial results have been extremely positive and encouraging.

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NEEDLESS CRISIS

PUBLIC STATEMENTS by Ministry of Education offcials do not on the whole give the impression that the problems of our school system are in any way pressing. It seems they are expected to solve themselves in due course.

Yesterday's school strike is a case in point. It is not the strike that is desperate, but the *mood of complacency* in the Ministry. There are many areas in which we can hope for, and even rely upon, outside aid, but not in education. While officials are busy paying lip-service to fashionable causes, and shifting responsibility from one department to another, and postponing decisions, children are growing up, many of them with an understandable contempt for the whole business of school and learning.

It is true that during the past years new study programmes have been drawn up, though they have not succeeded in bringing Zionism back to the classroom. The damage done by poor education cannot easily be undone, and the vacuum in minds and hearts cannot be filled by high-minded ministerial declarations.

It is difficult to believe that education is being taken seriously when a minister's aide could recently dismiss a study which revealed that some high school graduates thought that Einstein was a Nili spy, that Hiroshima was an illegal immigrant ship sunk by the Hagana, that Shakespeare was a Russian composer, and that Don Quixote was one of the pillars of the Zionist establishment. The official said he felt that it was not all that essential to know such details and that it is quite natural for pupils to forget names "not relevant to teen culture." He did not explain how such a graduate would ever learn to read a newspaper, make a rational choice at the ballot box and become a motivated citizen.

We cannot afford the luxury of a younger generation that lives wholly on the teen-ager cloud cuckoo land.

The grievances which brought about the teachers' protest yesterday stem from a similar source. They do not arise merely from technical and administrative problems, but from the fact that these problems had been shrugged off and that neglect and something close to sabotage have been tolerated until the teachers felt that someone needed a rude awakening. Ministry Director General Elad Peled explains that a group of disgruntled computer programmers denied another group vital information. Essential information does not simply disappear where there is efficient management, and administrators should be expected to cope with the task of paying salaries to fewer than 30,000 teachers — an artificially created crisis that has now been with us for over a year. Ministry officials pay lip service to the need to attract better qualified personnel to the teaching profession and to the need to raise the teacher's status in society, but this does little good if for almost a year and a half the teachers were allowed to *feel ignored and frustrated*, while they either received no pay at all or only part of it and were forced to confront officials in a vain effort to unsnarl the red tape. More than a routine effort was needed to prevent bitterness from building up and more than a routine approach is needed to cure this latest and most grotesque of the many ills that plague our school system.

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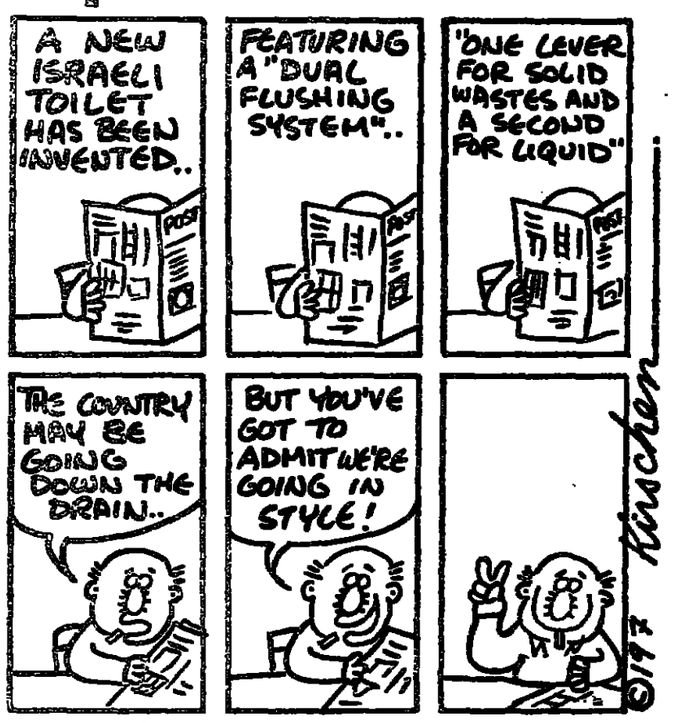

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Soviet aims in the M.E.

DAVAR (Histadrut) writes that there is a hint of a change in the Soviet attitude concerning stage-by-stage diplomacy. The Russians are now willing to agree to interim settlements provided they lead to Israeli withdrawals from occupied territory. Mr. Brezhnev, however, added the rider: "Partial agreements can be helpful in themselves, but are not an alternative to a solution."

The paper feels that the slight change in Soviet policy away from the immediate convening of the Geneva conference is only a tactical one, deriving perhaps from the fact that at this particular moment no one can represent Jordan, and also from the larger Soviet interest in the continuation of detente.

AL HAMISHMAR (Mapam), argues that "Moscow is interested to prevent, at any price, an interim settlement between Israel and Egypt," as this would undermine the basic Soviet aims in the Middle East.

The paper says that Sadat is "weighing" the situation, but he is aware that without an interim settlement there is only the alternative of a Geneva conference which would lead to deadlock, and "perhaps force him back into Moscow's arms."

The Soviet Union is also aware of the facts so there can be no real "dialogue" between Gromyko and Kissinger as both have "differing and, perhaps, opposing aims."

MA'ARIV (Independent), commenting on President Sadat's remarks to the "Washington Post," says that "whereas he appears very interested in an interim agreement on further Israeli withdrawal in Sinai, he is not prepared to pay the price. He wants the Sinai passes and the oil fields but offers nothing in return, only repeating that peace will not be attained in this generation."

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In cooperation with Beersheba Municipality, the Israel Lands Administration announces the opening of registration for plots for industry and workshops in Emek Sara, Beersheba (Stage A — 500 dunams.

Registration opened on February 4 and will close on March 14, 1975 (12 noon).

Those wishing to register should go to the offices of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, 118 Rehov Herzl, Beersheba.

Applicants should be in possession of a recommendation from the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. Old recommendations must be renewed.

Further details and a prospectus are available at the offices of the Israel Lands Administration Beersheba, 55 Rehov Ha'atzma'ut, and at the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, 118 Rehov Herzl, Beersheba, during normal working hours.

Room for reconciliation

MIDDLE EAST SCENE by ANAN SAFADI

YESTERDAY'S TALKS in Geneva between U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko seem to indicate that the resumption of the Arab-Israel peace negotiations at the same Swiss lake-side city is inevitable. Yet at the same time the representatives of the two superpowers appear to have agreed that the Geneva conference cannot, despite Moscow's public statements, be reconvened immediately. It will be necessary to promote a suitable atmosphere for that conference to transform itself into a peace council instead of a forum likely to trigger off renewed hostilities in the Middle East.

We may therefore assume that the American Secretary of State will go ahead with his plans to work out a second stage settlement between Egypt and Israel next month. And if Kissinger's forthcoming move is viewed as a "last chance" before summoning the Geneva conference, it will undoubtedly be a major test for his step-by-step approach to the Middle East conflict.

According to current plans, Kissinger will return to the Middle East in the second week of March bringing with him an American *formula for such a settlement in* Sinai. The American procedure will be an attempt to reconcile the Egyptian and Israeli positions as conveyed to the Secretary of State during his exploratory tour of the Middle East last week. The extent of Kissinger's success in persuading both Egypt and Israel to accept the American scenario will eventually determine the future prospects of his diplomacy in the Middle East and subsequently provide an answer to how soon or how late the Geneva conference will be resumed.

Kissinger's formula, due to be outlined within the next three weeks, is expected to include American-authored concrete proposals which both Egypt and Israel declined to specify. Each country voiced unspecified offers when presenting its case and position.

The Egyptian position is reported to call for a further Sinai "disengagement" under which Israel would withdraw beyond the Gidi and Mitla passes and from the Abu Rodeis oil fields. Cairo's counter move to such a pullback would include the reopening of the Suez Canal, including passage of Israeli cargo, and the extension of the mandate of the UN peacekeeping forces in Sinai for a certain period. During this period, the Egyptians would extend their commitment of October, 1973 "to cease all military activity on land, sea and in the air."

Future borders

The Egyptians, it is understood, also called for a similar interim settlement on the Golan as a second *move towards* reconvening the Geneva Middle East conference; Cairo sees Geneva as the forum for political negotiations on other issues, including the determination of future borders between the Arabs and Israel, the future of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, and the status of the Palestinians there.

It is believed that the Egyptians rejected the idea of a declaration of non-belligerency in the process of interim settlement. But they are said to have hinted they might agree to declare, through a third party, readiness to end acts of war in return for "an Israeli pledge to withdraw from all occupied Arab lands and recognize the rights of the Palestinian people."

Israel, for her part, put forward two options for an interim agreement with Egypt. The first envisaged a limited Israeli military withdrawal of between 30-50 kilometres, excluding the Gidi-Mitla ridge, in return for a no-war agreement from Egypt for a specified period of about 18 months. During this interval Egypt would be asked to make limited political gestures curtailing anti-Israel measures.

The second option involved a broader withdrawal beyond the Gidi and the Mitla passes and the Abu Rodeis oil fields in return for a contractual Egyptian commitment to end the state of war with Israel, regardless of future developments on other Arab fronts.

As far as Syria is concerned, Israel feels there is no room for an interim agreement and that the conflict with Damascus can only be solved by a one-act transition from war to peace.

On the question of the West Bank, Israel remained adamant in its refusal to consider any suggestion of negotiations with the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), recognized by the Arab summit in Rabat last October as the claimant to that territory. Jerusalem is still prepared to negotiate the future of the West Bank — but only with Jordan, Israeli officials stressed.

Common interests

In this context, three possible alternative solutions are envisaged for the West Bank. The first is to divide the territory between Israel and Jordan while safeguarding the political future of the local Arab population on the one hand and Israel's need for a secure border on the other. The second is to promote a federation between Israel and the West Bank, while emphasizing the latter's right to autonomy. The third is to incorporate the West Bank into a European-style partnership between Israel and Jordan based on the common interests of the two countries.

Though the Arab and Israel positions remain widely divergent, Dr. Kissinger appears t certain that there is st reconciliation. It is no Kissinger's self-confiden ponsible for his makin evaluation. But at the this assurance appare from two factors: the n he has built up with th the region, and his Egyptian President Anw particular is genuinely first moves in 26 years to with Israel.

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Kissinger's diplomacy of ambiguity

By JOHN GRAHAM

WASHINGTON (Ofns). — DR. HENRY KISSINGER clearly enjoys the diplomat's traditional jobs, but has been harping recently on the theme that the White House is shackled in its international operations, sometimes by Congressional pressure and sometimes by public pressure.

Kissinger and the Administration, generally, have some specific complaints, as follows:

1. Turkey: The Administration has for months been objecting to the cut-off of military aid to Turkey, which the Congress ordered and enforced by legislation. President Gerald Ford has argued that this will not only weaken Western security and the strategic situation in the Middle East, but would also "raise grave doubts about the conduct of American foreign relations even among countries that are not directly involved."

Arms infusion

2. Indo-China: Ford has been at pains to get a supplementary appropriation of $500 million for South Vietnam and Cambodia, for which political sentiment in Congress is minimal. He is using the arguments of his predecessors to the effect that one more shove, one more infusion of arms, one more transfer of cash will push the South Vietnamese over the hump. There is no possibility that Congress will agree to this.

3. Portugal: The State Department is extremely worried about political developments in Portugal in the last few weeks. There is no direct evidence but the suggestion has been raised that Dr. Kissinger is concerned that U.S. interests with relation to Portugal (notably the bases in the Azores) may be harder to protect if the CIA is subject to open public and Congressional examination, as it appears likely to be throughout the coming months.

But beneath specific objections lies Kissinger's belief that it is not only diplomacy, but the entire substantive part of foreign relations, which must be protected by secrecy. This belief has two sources. One is in the nature of the man himself, and specifically in his peculiar and highly developed ability to be all things to all people. He has carried the diplomacy of ambiguity to new heights and has achieved spectacular successes.

The other is in the nature of events. No doubt international problems have always been of a complicated nature — and scholars may dream of what might have happened had Kissinger been alive to treat the Schleswig-Holstein question—but the greater interdependence of countries in the 1970s does tend to aggravate this natural complexity.

But the propensity to secrecy is reaping a sour harvest. The American public, disenchanted with the image of its Government over the many years of Vietnam, has conveyed this disenchantment to its representatives, the members of Congress. They in turn are saying that the White House will not again be allowed to engage in foreign ventures without the general consensus of the nation.

This leads directly to Congressional resolutions to inquire openly into the activities of the CIA, to cut off military aid to Turkey, to refuse another transfusion for President Thieu. It leads Congressmen to think that they must know *in advance* what the Administration is up to in its foreign dealings.

All of which makes the life of Henry Kissinger harder. His strongest Congressional supporter, Senator William Fulbright, is no longer in office. Two weeks ago he was the subject of two speeches, by two prominent Democrats, both candidates for the Presidency. Senator Lloyd Bentsen of Texas accused him of excessive personal diplomacy ("one-man authoritarianism"); former Governor Terry Sanford of North Carolina came to his rescue, with an attack on Senator Henry Jackson's efforts over the Trade Bill, efforts described by Governor Sanford as "naive" and "bull-headed" and damaging to Kissinger's task as Secretary of State.

Power centres

As the ball is bashed to and fro Kissinger rejoins that his task is made more difficult not only by the relative weakness of leadership inside the countries with which he has to deal — and this refers both to countries in immediately critical condition, such as Israel or Egypt, and to other in less immediately critical condition such as Britain and Germany — but also by the relative weakness of Congress. Instead of one clearly defined centre of power on Capitol Hill (whether in the Senator Majority Leader or the Speaker of the House, or in the small group of committee chairmen, or whoever), there are now a number of power centres, increased by the huge freshmen entry and the degree of organization they have achieved, and no one is quite sure who is in charge. Kissinger is sure who *should* be in charge: he regrets that other governments and his own Congress do not quite share his view.

POSTSCRIPTS

LIVE TELEVISION coverage today is what the fruit of the tree of knowledge was in the Garden of Eden, except that Adam and Eve were wiser than many of our public figures. Once they had eaten the apple and realized their nakedness, they hastened to cover themselves with fig leaves. The television camera exposes its victims in other ways, but they are apparently less concerned about the figures they cut.

After watching the live TV coverage of the Kissinger visit, I would like to suggest that participants in official social occasions be warned beforehand that big brother has his eye on them and that they should deport themselves accordingly. At the same time, our enthusiastic TV cameramen might be advised to curb their natural desire — to mix metaphors — to dot the "i"s of their shots. One snatched second of Foreign Minister Allon engaged in what may now be termed "the *gulp by gulp*" approach during the soup course would have been enough.

Similarly, more discretion might have been displayed in editing the tape of Mrs. Rabin's luncheon for the wives at the Hilton. We did not have to be treated to close-ups of every facial expression or every word of an anecdote which was not particularly diplomatic to begin with.

A READER who lives in Geneva writes to tell us that the representative there of the Palestine Liberation Organization is a young Arab who speaks only German, apart from Arabic.

Our correspondent comments that this is not really strange when you come to think about it. The young man was probably brought up in a refugee camp where he was taught to hate and kill Jews. His instructor was probably an ex-Nazi, hence the good German.

The observer in Geneva notes that the fascists are emerging from hiding now that they have good friends to supply them with a flow of money and arms. *B.S.*

DETENTE BY ANY NAME smells sweet.

In preparation for the hoped-for success of the joint American-Soviet space link-up next July, a perfume has been developed which is to be called "Soyuz-Apollo." Tass reported last week that the new scent is also a joint effort — by chemists of Moscow's Novaya Zarya Perfumery and Americ Company.

Presumably, the first be presented to Nancy

IF IT HELPS to have here, in Britain it is jus tant to wear the right tie." Only a cad, of co a tie to which he is no

The latest piece of n denote membership of a group has been design tain's Minister of Defe by Cabinet Ministers. heraldic motif of a port red group. The red coul changed to blue if the L ernment were to lose o garet Thatcher's Conserv

But how will Britain woman Prime Minister n the tie — as a bandeau well coiffured head? o order a long one to belt?

Incidentally, Gemini N reports that ties' designs mostly in bright co checks, bold abstracts, p polka dots and are abo wide.

Israelis, probably the minded people in the We will doubtless take umb remarks of the chairm British Tie Manufacture tion, who said: "We are if we are worried by of tieless young men s streets these days. The an emphatic no. Most of so sloppy and untidy th probably the best th that we could devise f a tie."

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READERS' LETTERS

Arabs must first accept existence of Israel

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir,—In connection with the current visit of Dr. Henry Kissinger to the Middle East for another round of negotiations, it is worthwhile to note that at a recent press conference, the Secretary of State declared that the U.S. would not recognize the PLO until it recognized the existence of Israel. In this respect, the Chancellor of West Germany went much further. He stated that West Germany would not agree to the participation of the PLO in the dialogue between the Arab bloc countries and the Common Market until the PLO accepted the existence of Israel within secure, recognized borders.

The crux of the problem in the Arab-Israel conflict is not what additional territory Israel is willing to give up in Sinai, but Egypt's and the other Arab countries' adamant refusal to reconcile themselves to the existence of Israel as a sovereign state. Before the Six Day War, the Arab infiltrators attacked Israeli settlements almost daily and the Arab neighbouring countries showed no inclination to accept the existence of Israel even within the 1967 borders.

Therefore, any new retreat on the part of Israel in the Sinai and elsewhere without an Arab commitment to accept Israel as one of the sovereign states in the Middle East with secure, recognized borders, will only weaken Israel strategically and encourage the PLO and the Arab neighbouring countries to seek Israel's destruction.

REUBEN EFRON

Jerusalem, February 9.

Abandoned in Yeruham

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — In his article, "Why Yeruham is dying," Mordechai Zaslow attacks the Ministry of Absorption for its failure to send immigrants to Yeruhm and help in their integration.

The author of the article did not come to our office, or talk to any official, even though he quotes the Minister of Absorption and cites letters from high officials of the Ministry on the subject of Yeruham.

As a result, Mr. Zaslow misrepresented the Ministry's position and all its activities in connection with Yeruham.

I only want to give one example of this misrepresentation. On January 13, the Deputy-Director of Absorption Services sent out a letter stating that efforts would be renewed to bring emigrants to Yeruham and would include the despatch of delegations of Ministry employees and Yeruham residents to Ben-Gurion Airport. Moreover, this programme was originally initiated by our Ministry.

ARNON MANTVER,
Spokesman,
Ministry of Absorption

Jerusalem, January 27.

Mordechai Zaslow comments:

The thrust of my story was the town of Yeruham, the people who live therein and the damage done. The letters from the Ministry of Absorption from which I quoted I had read myself. In the one instance where I quote a Ministry official, there were three officials of the town who verified the story. The spokesman does not refute a single fact of the article, rather he points to a January 13 letter which was sent out. I would like to know to whom. No one in authority in Yeruham, which is most directly involved, has any knowledge of receiving such a letter. But the overall riding fact is that in spite of all the letters sent, action is what speaks, and these Russian families and the others remaining in the town feel abandoned.

Outdated minis

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Henry Kissinger arrived in time for the Israel Fashion Week. I only hope that Rabin, Allon and Peres will not buy his outdated mini models.

ROSS

Ramat Gan, February 11.

Egrets indeed!

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I wish to register the strongest possible protest for misrepresenting an otherwise admirable picture of my family as a "flock of egrets" in your issue of February 9.

Egrets indeed! Egrets belong to the heron tribe. I understand that cattle egrets, e.g., follow tractor drivers and feed on the beetles the plough turns up; they even stoop to pick ticks off cattle. We gulls fish on the high seas. We are also scavengers, and proud of it. As you (this time correctly) remark, what attracts us to Ben-Gurion Airport is the lovely municipal garbage dump at Hiriya.

I demand an apology, otherwise I will see my lawyer and sue you for libel and defamation of character.

JONATHAN SEAGULL

Tel Aviv, February 9.

PENFRIEND

DIETER FISCHER (19), of Gimmeldinger Str. 75, 6730 Neustadt, West Germany, is finishing high school this year and would like to correspond with young Israelis of 18 or 19. His hobbies are stamps, ships and reading.

MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT
Driving and Vehicle Services

TRADE PLATES

Licences to use trade plates ("Bemivhan") expire on February 28, 1975.
Those wishing to renew their licence should submit an application to Driving and Vehicle Services, 9 Rehov Helene Hamalka, Jerusalem.
Those entitled by law to use trade plates will receive a letter directing them to an area licensing office, where they will receive new plates.
In order to assist bodies, including institutions and garages who in the past have employed trade plates, but who are not entitled by law to use such plates, a special arrangement has been introduced, under which booklets of special licences will be issued to allow special journeys to be made. These booklets will be available from the Responsible Assistant — Vehicles, at area licensing offices, after March 1.

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PROJECT TENDER No. 43/e-4/ISP/73

THE ISRAEL SEWERAGE PROJE

The Municipality of Beersheba invites contr to submit tenders for all the civil engineering required for the construction of the Western Main and Eilat Collector.

Tender documents and forms of tender can be obtained payment of IL250 (non-reimbursable) from the office City Engineer.

Prospective bidders should submit their bids in two co forms to be supplied to them and in compliance with tions of the tender.

Bids accompanied by a bank guarantee of 5% of the valid for a period ending 120 days from last date set submission of bids must be sent by Registered Mail in envelope not later than March 30, 1975 to the Secretary Municipality of Beersheba.

The envelope containing the bid should be marked:

The Israel Sewerage Project
Tender No. 43/E-4/ISP/74
Beersheba

Bids arriving for whatever reason after March 30, 1975 be considered.

Bids submitted without the required Bank Guaranty will considered.

Terms of payment: as specified in the Tender Documents.

Bids may be submitted by contractors who have been preq for works of a value of at least IL3,000,000 and have bee fied to that effect.

Bids may also be submitted by others who are registered Contractors' Register under section: Sewage, Drainage and works for works of a value of at least IL3,000,000.

A site inspection for contactors will be held on Febru 1975 leaving from the office of the City Engineer at 11 a

The Tender Board is not bound to accept the lowest or an posal for the entire Tender or parts thereof.

E. Navi, Mayor
Municipality of Beers

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